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Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. Newsletter

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Dear Philip,

Welcome to the second April edition of our newsletter. What we aim to do is to provide information which is of use to you and to let you know the activities in which we have been involved. We also aim to let you know of any incidents that have occurred in, and legislation that is related to, the areas in which we work. We realise that, with the broad spectrum of our activities, some may not be relevant to you but we hope you find the rest useful.

Regards,

Philip Chambers
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First not guilty verdict for Corporate Manslaughter

PS & JE Ward Limited has become the first company to be cleared of a charge of Corporate Manslaughter brought under the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007.

Prior to this act, it was necessary to identify a "controlling mind" who would be liable for manslaughter. In cases such as the Zeebrugge ferry disaster, it was not possible to do this with large organisations. Hence the reason for the act.

However, to date it has been applied to very small organisations. The first was Cotswold Geotechnical who had less than 10 employees and PS & JE Ward is a farm. One can argue that it has been misapplied so far and the PS & JE Ward verdict reinforces this.

This verdict does not mean that companies should be complacent, and PS & JE Ward can look forward to a fine under HSAW which may run to several £100,000s. In addition, directors and managers face the likelihood of personal charges.

[See more](#)

5 Risk assessment mistakes and how to avoid them



As part of a series of SSS articles in SHP Online, this week SHP published an article where we looked at the mistakes people make with risk assessments. Even large companies and large safety consultancies who should know better make some of these mistakes.

I'm stunned by the response this has had with responses and retweets reaching thousands of followers.

[See the article.](#)

New look SSS Publications webpage

Because of the increasing interest in SSS publications and white papers, we have created a new webpage to make it easier to find the following SSS material:

- White papers
- Publications
- Photographs

All of these a free-for-use. As we have stated before, all of the photographs are taken by SSS in the UK, so nobody can claim that it wouldn't happen in this country.

[See the SSS Publications Page](#)

Incidents and court cases

Company fined £28,000 for leg amputation

Con Mech Engineers Ltd were fined £28,000 (inc.costs) on 14th April 2014 because of an accident which resulted in an agency worker losing his leg. This was an inexcusable situation where a vehicle moved along a fixed track and the crush points were obvious.

[See details](#)

Denbigh tile company fined over excessive lead levels in 9 employees

Craig Bragdy Design Ltd., of Denbigh, was fined £58,271 (inc. costs) after 9 employees were found to have excessive levels of lead in their blood.

[See details](#)

Overtuning forklift truck crushes driver

Murfitts Industries Ltd, a rubber granual manufacturer of Lakenheath were fined nearly £28,000 (inc.costs) on 24th April after a forklift truck overturned.

[See details](#)

Daily updates

Don't forget, there's lots of useful information that is highlighted typically daily on the SSS Twitter and Blog sites.

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I hope you have found this information of interest. If you have any suggestions of other information you would like to see, please [contact me](#).

Whilst the intention of this newsletter is to be useful, we realise that most people are plagued by spam and should you wish to prevent future issues being sent to you, unsubscribe using the link below.

Regards,

Philip Chambers

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