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Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. Newsletter

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Dear Philip,

Welcome to the first January edition of our newsletter and a happy New Year to you all. 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  
Strategic Safety Systems Ltd.

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**H&S Sentencing Guidelines Consultation**

The Sentencing Council has a consultation document on health and safety offences, corporate manslaughter and food safety and hygiene offences. Inputs close in February. This proposes guidelines on sentences for such offences, based on factors such as the level of harm, culpability of the company and turnover of the company. The intention is to have more consistency. Whilst of course we don't welcome fines, SSS welcome the consistency of such fines.

One recent example was the Jaguar Land Rover case where JLR were fined £40,000 + costs after a maintenance electrician suffered major injuries when he was dragged into machinery. £40,000 is very low for a company the size of JLR and the above guidelines state that a fine of the order of £350,000 would be appropriate. Compare the fine with that in the BW Riddle case shown below in Incidents and Court Cases.

- [See details of JLR case](#)
- [See consultation document](#)

**Workplace vehicle guidance**

The HSE have published a Guide to Workplace Transport Safety. There is also a short version of this. Both a worthwhile documents and gave be downloaded free as a .pdf from the link shown below. In the majority of companies with whom we are associated, forklift trucks and similar vehicles pose the potential for the greatest harm and it is essential that appropriate measures are in place to reduce the risk.

Note that 2 of the Incidents and Court Cases shown below relate to accidents with vehicles in the workplace.

- [See HSE's Guide to Workplace Transport Safety](#)

**SSS articles comprise 40% of most read in 2014**

2 of the 5 most read articles in SHP Online during 2014 were Strategic Safety Systems articles. These were:

- Beware the CE Mark, and
- 5 Risk assessment mistakes and how to avoid them

Good to see that we can provide meaningful and readable guidance.

Unfortunately, we have recently seen yet another example of a machine imported into the UK with a CE mark, yet with totally unacceptable guarding. See below.

[See article: Beware the CE Mark](#)

[See article: 5 Risk assessment mistakes and how to avoid them](#)

[See blog on latest example of new machine with poor guarding.](#)

## Incidents and court cases

### **Lack of isolation causes injury when conveyor belt started up**

BW Riddle, a Lincolnshire metal recycling firm was fined £88,000 (inc. costs) after an employee fell from a conveyor belt when it started up.

[See details](#)

### **Complete Utilities Ltd fined £107,000 after lorry driver crushed between container and vehicle**

Gloucester-based Complete Utilities Ltd was fined £107,000 (inc. costs) after an employee died from being crushed between a vehicle and container during a loading operation.

[See details](#)

### **Co Durham company fined after lorry driver was hit by a forklift truck**

Meditek Ltd., a County Durham stairlift manufacturer was fined £5090.60 (inc. costs and compensation) after a delivery driver was seriously injured when he was struck by a reversing fork lift truck.

[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,

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