

Car company fined after employee crushed at work

A car manufacturing company has been fined after an employee became trapped and suffered crush injuries whilst unloading a chassis from a delivery vehicle.

Kidderminster Magistrates' Court heard that the employee became trapped between the trolley holding the chassis and a parked vehicle when the delivery vehicle moved.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) into the incident, which occurred on 18 April 2018, found that the company did not have a safe system of work for unloading chassis. The risks should have been controlled by offloading the chassis using a forklift truck or implementing a formalised system of work to safely unload them by hand.

Morgan Motor Company Manufacturing Limited of Pickersleigh Road, Malvern, pleaded guilty to breaching Section 2 (1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974. The company has been fined £60,000.

Speaking after the hearing, HSE inspector Elizabeth Thomas said: "A safe system of work should have been in place and this shows that even large, well-established companies can get things wrong".

Notes to Editors:

1. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is Britain's national regulator for workplace health and safety. We prevent work-related death, injury and ill health through regulatory actions that range from influencing behaviours across whole industry sectors through to targeted interventions on individual businesses. These activities are supported by globally recognised scientific expertise. hse.gov.uk
2. More about the legislation referred to in this case can be found at: legislation.gov.uk/
3. HSE news releases are available at <http://press.hse.gov.uk>