

# Company fined for non-compliance of Notices

Kitchen worktop manufacturing company, The Solid Surface Shop UK Ltd was sentenced for non-compliance of Improvement Notices and failure to effectively manage health and safety.

Sheffield Magistrates' Court heard that, during an inspection in March 2016, it was found that there was a poor standard of health and safety management including significant accumulations of dust around the premises on Henry Street in Sheffield. Local exhaust ventilation units present were not subject to thorough examination and test and no risk or hazardous substance assessments had been completed. The company was served with five Improvement Notices. The notices required thorough examination of local exhaust ventilation, monitoring for dusts including respirable crystalline silica, a system to manage respiratory protective equipment and assessments of the risk from noise and hand arm vibration.





An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found that the Improvement Notices were hand delivered to site and discussed with two of the directors. Despite extensions to the compliance dates for all the notices being given, repeated phone calls, emails and letters, no appeals or evidence of compliance was ever received by HSE. A company representative attended an interview under caution but did not provide any reasonable explanations for the non-compliance.

The Solid Surface Shop UK Ltd, previously based at Henry Street, Sheffield pleaded guilty to breaching a single charge under Section 2 (1) of the Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974. The company has been fined £10,000 and ordered to pay £6181.51 in costs.

After the hearing, HSE inspector Laura Hunter commented: "Improvement notices must be complied with.

"Companies should be aware that HSE will not hesitate to take appropriate enforcement action against those that fall below the required standards"

#### **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. [www.hse.gov.uk](http://www.hse.gov.uk)<sup>[1]</sup>

2. More about the legislation referred to in this case can be found at:

[www.legislation.gov.uk/](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/)<sup>[2]</sup>

3. HSE news releases are available at <http://press.hse.gov.uk><sup>[3]</sup>

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