

# Construction company and roofing contractor fined thousands after worker sustained life-changing injuries in fall

A London based property refurbishment company, and an Essex roofing contractor have been fined after a worker fell from scaffolding and suffered life-changing injuries.

The worker was contracted as a general labourer for Premier Property and Construction Limited on a project managed by Axis Europe Limited at Cathcart Hill, London on 15 April 2024. During an unplanned lifting operation, the load became trapped. When the worker attempted to free it, the released load caused him to be pulled over the edge of the scaffold.



Image of scene

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found that Premier Property and Construction Limited failed to adequately plan, manage and monitor the work, particularly regarding routine lifting operations and the use of appropriate lifting equipment and accessories.

HSE also found that Axis Europe Limited failed to properly manage and monitor the works being carried out by Premier Property and Construction Limited on its site. The principal contractor did not recognise insufficient detail on lifting operations and did not adequately challenge or prevent the use of untested lifting accessories on site.



Image of unsuitable and untested lifting accessory

HSE guidance states that contractors must plan, manage and monitor construction work under their control to ensure risks to health and safety are controlled, with effort proportionate to the project's size, complexity and risks involved. Further guidance can be found at HSE's website: [Managing health and safety in construction – Guidance on the Construction \(Design and Management\) Regulations 2015 – L153](#).

Axis Europe Limited, of Tramway Avenue, London, pleaded guilty to breaching regulation 13(1) of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015. The company was fined £640,000 and ordered to pay £4787.59 in costs and a £2000 victim surcharge at Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court on 5 December 2025.

Premier Property and Construction Limited, of Kings Lodge, London Road, Sevenoaks, Kent – trading from Thames Industrial Park, Princess Margaret Road, East Tilbury, Essex – pleaded guilty to breaching regulation 15(2) of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015. The company was fined £160,000 and ordered to pay £4787.59 in costs and a £2000 victim surcharge at Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court on 5 December 2025.

Following the hearing HSE inspector, Andrew Pipe, said: "Every year, a significant proportion of construction-related accidents, many of them serious and sometimes fatal, occur as a result of inadequately planned, managed or monitored work. This was a wholly avoidable incident. Had both companies taken appropriate measures to ensure workers' health and safety, the life-changing injuries would not have occurred."

"The fines imposed on Axis Europe Limited and Premier Property and

Construction Limited should underline to everyone in the construction industry that the courts, and HSE, take failures to follow the regulations extremely seriously. HSE will not hesitate to take action against companies which do not do all that they should to keep people safe.”

This prosecution was brought by HSE enforcement lawyer Arfaq Nabi and paralegal officer Mellisa Wardle.

### **Notes to editors**

1. [The Health and Safety Executive](#) (HSE) is Britain’s national regulator for workplace health and safety. We are dedicated to protecting people and places, and helping everyone lead safer and healthier lives.
2. More information about the [legislation](#) referred to in this case is available.
3. Further details on the latest [HSE news releases](#) is available.
4. Relevant guidance can be found here [Managing health and safety in construction – Guidance on the Construction \(Design and Management\) Regulations 2015 – L153](#)
5. HSE does not pass sentences, set guidelines or collect any fines imposed. Relevant sentencing guidelines must be followed unless the court is satisfied that it would be contrary to the interests of justice to do so. The sentencing guidelines for health and safety offences can be found [here](#).