

Construction firm and director fined for failure to comply with prohibition notices

D & S Building Solutions Ltd and its director Daniel Schipor have been fined after failing to comply with prohibition notices.

Westminster Magistrates' Court heard how D & S Solutions Ltd, under the control of its director Daniel Schipor, was issued with two prohibition notices on site. It was found that persons were at serious risk of fall and injury from the unprotected edges of an excavation and at immediate risk of injury from potential collapse of the unsupported excavation.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found that D & S Building Solutions Ltd and Daniel Schipor had not taken any steps to comply with the prohibition notices prohibiting any work near the open edge of the excavation, and had not taken measures to prevent dislodgement of material and collapse of the excavation.

D & S Building Solutions Ltd of George V Avenue, Pinner, Middlesex pleaded guilty to two counts of breaching Section 22 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974. The company was fined £2,000 and ordered to pay costs of £2,000

Daniel Schipor pleaded guilty to breaching two counts of Section 37 by virtue of Section 22 of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974. He was fined £2,000 and ordered to pay costs of £2,000

Speaking after the hearing, HSE inspector Saif Deen said: "The risks associated with work related to excavations are well known throughout the construction industry. "D & S Building Solutions Ltd and Daniel Schipor failed to comply with prohibition notices and continued to put persons at risk of serious injury."

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
2. More about the legislation referred to in this case can be found at: www.legislation.gov.uk/
3. HSE news releases are available at <http://press.hse.gov.uk>

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