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TRAINING

An employer has been **prosecuted and sent to prison** for not ensuring his employees had adequate training.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is warning companies that employees must have adequate training before undertaking work.

The warning follows HSE's prosecution of the owner of a Rotherham scaffolding firm for not providing adequate training or equipment for his employees before instructing them to dismantle a scaffold.

On 12 January 2007, the employee and a colleague, neither of whom had been trained, were dismantling a scaffold when a badly supported scaffold board gave way.

One of the workers fell six metres to the ground, suffering significant injuries to his foot and spine.

Key Controls

- **When employing personnel - Verify training qualifications are appropriate**
- **Ensure that all employees have received adequate training**
- **Refresher training will demonstrate commitment to safe working practices**

If you require further assistance please contact the training department
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HSE Quote

"Philip Wolstenholme wilfully disregarded advice given to him by HSE and the requirements of a prohibition notice served on him. In doing so he put the safety of his workers at great risk. In the time between the notice being served in March 2006 and the incident in January 2007, he had ample opportunity to train his employees. As a consequence they were not aware of the vital safe working practices that are necessary when doing scaffolding work. It is regrettable that an employee has suffered because the business owner ignored HSE's advice and enforcement and wasn't prepared to invest in proper training".