

## CASE STUDY: LOGISTICS COMPANY FINED AFTER MAN INJURED AT WORK



A logistics company has been fined £20,000 after a worker was hit by a fork-lift truck in a busy yard and suffered head injuries.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) investigated and prosecuted the company over its failure to segregate vehicles and people in a yard where the danger of such an incident happening was entirely foreseeable.

CCTV footage from the site showed fork-lift trucks loading and unloading vans, with pedestrians routinely weaving between them.

Redhill Magistrates' Court heard that the employee was hit by a reversing fork-lift truck and sustained head injuries that continue to have an effect on him to this day.

The company told HSE the yard had been resurfaced a few years earlier and no markings were put in place to segregate vehicles and people. The business pleaded guilty to breaching the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 – specifically Regulations 17(1). It was fined £20,000 and ordered to pay HSE costs of £942.40.