

HSE Press release.

A commercial vehicle repair firm and its managing director were sentenced on the 12th February 2019 following the death of an employee who was crushed by a bus.

The employee was working in a vehicle inspection pit beneath a single decker bus at the companies' site. The rear of the bus had been raised off the ground and was supported on two bottle jacks, so that work could be carried out on the brakes. The coach fell from the jacks onto the employee, killing him instantly.

The company was fined £50,000 and ordered to pay costs of £22,282.54 for breaching section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974. The director received a custodial sentence of six months in prison suspended for 18 months.

This avoidable death fortifies LEEAs general advice to duty holders of the importance to properly plan all lifting operations. Proper risk assessment ensures that the correct equipment is selected, operators are properly trained and that identified risks are managed and controlled through safe systems of work.

For further details: <http://press.hse.gov.uk/2019/02/12/company-and-managing-director-fined-after-engineer-killed/>