

**HSE Press release 14.03.2019.**

**A company has been fined after an employee was killed by an overhead power line strike.**

A driver employed by Just Grab Services to unload material at a farm in Hertfordshire, was using the grab arm when it came into contact with an 11kv overhead power line (OHPL) and was killed.

An investigation by the HSE found that the manager of the site had identified the risk from OHPL's in a risk assessment but had failed to implement them and adequately plan construction work and to train its employees.

The site manager pleaded guilty to breaching section 3 of the Health and Safety at Work Etc Act 1974 and was fined £400,000.00 and ordered to pay costs of £17,242.33.

The HSE Stated "This was a tragic and wholly avoidable incident, caused by the failure of Options Energy Resource LLP to implement safe systems of work and to ensure that health and safety documentation was communicated and followed."

"Every year in the UK, two people are killed and many more are injured when machinery comes into contact with, or close proximity to, overhead power lines".

For further details please visit [http://press.hse.gov.uk/2019/03/08/company-fined-after-worker-killed-by-overhead-power-line-strike/?utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=press-pw-140319&utm\\_content=power-line-death](http://press.hse.gov.uk/2019/03/08/company-fined-after-worker-killed-by-overhead-power-line-strike/?utm_source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=press-pw-140319&utm_content=power-line-death)