

Developer fined for asbestos ceiling negligence

A London-based residential property development company has been sentenced after its failure to carry out a refurbishment/demolition survey on a property in Fulham led to workers being exposed to asbestos.

Pascal Huser Design and Build removed a boarded asbestos ceiling during the renovation project on 6 December 2017 without taking precautions to prevent its staff being exposed to the health risk, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) said.

It pleaded guilty to breaching reg 5 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations and was fined £16,000 plus costs of almost £5,000 at Westminster Magistrates' Court.

HSE inspector Jenny Morris said: *"The risk of exposure to asbestos could so easily have been avoided if the company had carried out a suitable and sufficient asbestos assessment to identify presence of asbestos within the property prior to commencing refurbishment work."*



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