

£180 000 fine following worker killed after being hit by lorry

A grain store company has been fined after a worker was killed at its site in Linton, Cambridgeshire.

On 27 July 2016, an employee of Camgrain Stores Ltd suffered fatal injuries after being struck by a lorry at the site. Mr Edward Orlopp had left the control room to walk across the site and on leaving the building he walked in front of a moving lorry. The driver had checked his mirrors but he did not see the employee and moved forward, fatally injuring the employee.

The HSE's investigation found that Camgrain Stores Ltd had failed to ensure that pedestrians and vehicles could move safely around the site. It was also found that they had not provided measures to prevent employees walking into areas where large vehicles are moving.

Camgrain Stores Ltd of London Road, Balsham, pleaded guilty to breaching Section 2 (1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. The company was fined £180,000 and ordered to pay costs of £20,000.

After the hearing HSE Inspector Stephen Faulkner said: *"Being struck by vehicles is one of the most common causes of workplace fatal accidents. This was a tragic and wholly avoidable incident caused by failure of the host company to undertake a number of simple measures."*

