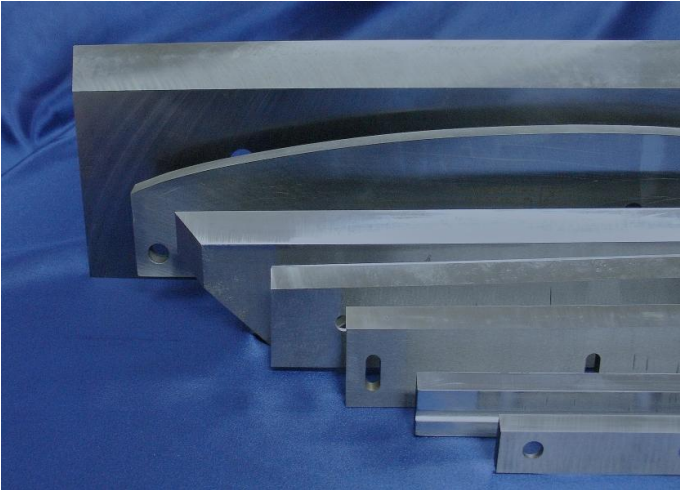


Safety Alert

10th February 2014

Fatal Incident Involving Guillotine Blade



The Incident

On the 21st January 2014, 56 year old Alan Dinsdale, Director of Wickford-based screen printer A&S Print Services, died in the workplace, after an incident occurred during a Guillotine blade handling task.

Mr Dinsdale was self employed. It is believed that he may have slipped on a patch of oil upon the floor causing him to fall upon the exposed Guillotine blade that he was holding, causing the fatal injury.

Action

The BPIF strongly recommends that employers carry out a full review of their current Guillotine blade changing and handling practices, considering the following key points:

- Specific risk assessment for the task
- Follow recognised industry practices for safe handling of blades and segregation
- Devised Safe System of Work in line with the manufactures machine handbook
- Review housekeeping standards and practices for the area around the Guillotine
- Following the guidelines within **The guide to safe use of power-operated paper-cutting guillotines** (especially point 77 and 78 of the document)

A PDF version of the guide to safe use of power-operated paper-cutting guillotines is attached to the email and can also be downloaded from the Health and Safety Executives website:
www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/power-guillotines.htm

For further advice please contact your regional Health, Safety and Environmental Adviser.