

## A COMPANY HAS BEEN FINED AFTER AN EMPLOYEE LOST AN EYE

### WHAT HAPPEN?

On November 5, 2019, the man was attempting to free a paper reel that had become stuck on the exit rails of a paper machine.

He was using an overhead crane to try and free the reel and whilst trying to do so, part of the crane contacted the spinning reel causing the crane hook to swing violently and hit the man in the face. He lost an eye and nine teeth and sustained multiple fractures to the face.



### HOW?

- Failed to carry out a suitable & sufficient risk assessment to identify the hazards posed by paper reels that did not eject correctly from the machine
- Failed to ensure control measures were in place
- Employees were not given information & instruction on what to do if the situation occurred

### LESSON LEARNT

- Need to carry out suitable risk assessment which included non-routine operation
- Appropriate control measure need to be implemented
- Need to apply safe working practices
- Wear suitable personal protective equipment to minimize the impact



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