

Gordon Field, 58 years old, died on 3rd November 2000 after fatal injury on 30th October at Armstrong's Steel, Stoke on Trent

By Sharon Norman, daughter.

My dad was crushed by unsafe lifting gear on 30 Oct 2000, he 3rd November after spending 5 days in intensive care.

The company had done a risk assessment but failed to do anything about it. My Dad was working alone, so not sure how long he had been crushed, could have been from 1-12 minutes, if he had been with someone he would have survived from his injuries but Armstrong's were saving money ! Four hours after his accident a safety stand was made at a cost of £12, this would have stopped the lifting gear from falling on him, - far too little, far too late! The HSE started investigating immediately and the inquest was 12 months later. The verdict was accidental death, the H&S man at Armstrong's told a different story at the inquest to the statement he had given to the police as the coroner pointed out.

The HSE prosecuted the company two years after the inquest, and it was fined £100,000 for my dad's death. The company was fined £10,000 for cutting the finger off another worker a week after they killed my dad. Armstrong's pleaded guilty but never said they were sorry. I feel SOMEONE MUST PAY FOR THIS CRIME!

I would have been satisfied if some one had just said sorry to me but nobody did. If the manager had gone to prison so much the better, instead he is still working for them.

Sharon Norman, daughter