

NEVER FORGET...STAY SAFE



On the 13th of May, it will be 6 years since our last employee fatality in the UK, when Jimmy Brownlie tragically lost his life in an incident at West Calder Blockworks. Jimmy was 64 years old and had worked for us for over 20 years. He came to work on the Saturday morning, but never returned home to his wife, children and grandchildren.

Jimmy was carrying out general maintenance with two workmates. He died when he was crushed by a block centering machine, which wasn't locked out and was activated automatically by a sensor.

We must continue to do all we can to ensure we don't forget the lessons we learnt from this tragic incident...



Ensure isolation procedures are robust. You may want to ask yourself:

- Are machinery isolation procedures specific, clear, readily available and understood? Do they include an authorisation process?
- Is there an isolation station with suitable equipment and individual padlocks with unique keys?
- Are switches, valves, equipment, etc. clearly labelled?
- Is it possible to isolate all forms of stored energy?
- Are isolation tags displayed at each isolation point?
- Are spare and master keys prohibited?
- Do we isolate as much of the equipment as possible, including upstream and downstream in the process?
- Is the "on" / "off" operation of switches clear? Have we ensured switches cannot be locked in the "on" position?
- How do we "test start" equipment to ensure isolation is effective before commencing work?
- Where practicable is there a "Manager in Charge" lock?
- Is there a formal check to ensure equipment is in a safe condition before the isolation is removed?

Always **Take 5** before starting a new task to ensure risks are identified and control measures are in place, including **LOTOTO**. **Step in and Take 5 Together** if you see someone at risk of injury. **Speak Up** and raise a Near Miss / Hazard Alert if equipment isn't properly guarded, or isolation procedures cannot be followed.



ISOLATION PROCEDURES Never work on live or moving machinery – always "lock out".

