

Face the FACKS:
The human face of workplace killing
was made especially in memory of all those
below, but also for everyone killed at work



SAMUEL ADAMS

MICHAEL ADAMSON

STEVEN BURKE



ANDY HERBERTSON

MARK WRIGHT

LEWIS MURPHY



ANDREW HUTIN

ANNETTE DOYLE

GRAHAM MELDRUM



GORDON FIELD

CRAIG WHELAN

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THE HUMAN COST OF WORKPLACE KILLING



Time for employers and government to Face the Facts and the FACKs, to acknowledge death at work is a violent crime that isn't rare and is rarely

accidental. Over 1,000 people are killed in work-related incidents every year – many more than homicides – due to employers' negligence and failure to comply with laws on health and safety. Yet few employers face any enforcement action at all for breaking laws, those that are prosecuted often receive paltry fines and hardly any directors go to prison for the decisions they make that led to someone being killed. And so many employers are repeat offenders and some become serial killers.

This unaccountability is due to the lack of positive legal duties on directors and managers to be responsible for the health and safety of their workplaces, and because of weak enforcement of health and safety laws.

This DVD tells Families Against Corporate Killers stories of how people we love were killed in work incidents which should have been prevented but weren't, what happened to those responsible for taking those lives, and how most of us did not get justice from the criminal justice system.

This is also the story of FACK's collective fight for justice, for the strict enforcement of health and safety law before someone is killed (or injured or made ill), and for penalties that will stop employers from killing at work. We want directors to be responsible for health and safety and to face imprisonment if they fail. We want the government to support and help all families like ours, as we are the victims of workplace crime.

Tell families who face a death at work about FACK, join us and support our fight for justice, and to stop workplace killing.

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The companies and supervisor who killed **Steven Burke** by breaking health and safety laws were only fined and are still in business today. Steven's parents still display all of Steven's karate trophies.

For failing to operate a safe system of work which killed **Michael Adamson**, Mitie Engineering was fined £300,000. Charges against 3 managers/directors – were dropped.

Chadwick printers were fined £10,000 including costs for the health and safety breaches which killed **Andy Herbertson**, who was working overtime as a labourer to support his young family.

The 5 year agony for **Mark Wright's** parents continues as manslaughter charges against the general manager have been dropped. The company has not yet come to court for health and safety charges.

Blast furnace No 5 was in poor condition when it exploded killing **Andrew Hutin** and **two work mates**. Corus, his employer, was fined £1.3 million and £1.7 million in costs. The insurer paid £75 million for a new blast furnace.

If Armstrong Steel has spent just £12 on a safety bar, **Gordon Field** may be alive today. Two years after the inquest, the company was fined £100,000 for the health and safety offences which killed him. His daughter, Sharon is still waiting for an apology.

Despite a manslaughter conviction and a 9 month prison sentence for killing **Lewis Murphy**, manager Glen Hawkins won an appeal and the charge was dropped. His garage is still open today.

Allied Bakeries and TNT pleaded guilty to one breach of health and safety laws that killed **Graham Meldrum** and were fined £35,000. A short film 'The story of the trike' celebrates his life.

Craig Whelan and **Paul Wakefield** were killed because a cheaper, less safe method of demolition was chosen and warnings about the dangers withheld. Manslaughter charges against three managers were dropped and they were only fined £17,000, whilst Craig's little girl, Katy, lost her daddy.

See video of **Annette Doyle** killed with 8 others in the ICL explosion on FACK website.