

# Finced £200,000 for reversing fatality

A pensioner was knocked down by a reversing lorry and dragged for more than 20 metres, an inquest heard today.

XXXXXXXXXX 71, had been visiting the depot on Tremains Road, Bridgend, south Wales, when he was hit by the truck.

The lorry driver told Bridgend Coroner's Court he was reversing out of the loading bay when he suddenly noticed a walking stick on the ground in front of the lorry.

When he got out of the cab he saw Mr XXXX lying behind the lorry.

He said he had looked in both mirrors before moving the vehicle and had been taught to reverse out of the depot when he received his training.

But Gweirydd Williams, of Bridgend Council's health and safety department, said that following the collision he issued the vehicle operator with an improvement notice.

The vehicle operator was fined £200,000 after admitting two breaches of the Health and Safety at Work Act and a breach of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations.