

Club owners fined over lift fall

The owners of a nightclub have been fined £50,000 after a woman fell 30ft (9m) down a goods lift shaft.

Leanne Shearer, now 21, suffered head, spine and neck injuries in the fall at the Krazy House on Wood Street, Liverpool, on New Year's Day 2006.



Club owners were fined £50,000 plus costs

Liverpool Crown Court heard she opened a door thinking it was the way out but fell to the concrete floor below.

Club owners Cashnext Ltd admitted failing to ensure the safety of non-employees and were given a fine.

They were also ordered to pay £30,000 costs.

Cashnext Ltd were facing three separate health and safety charges but the other two charges were dropped.

The court heard how the cloakroom assistant, who had shouted a warning, ran downstairs with his father and found Ms Shearer lying injured.

She has since made a good recovery.