

Star Wars Producers Plead Guilty in Harrison Ford Injury Case

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Even Han Solo cannot avoid workplace injuries. Battling stomtroopers has its risks, and the British Health and Safety Executive (HSE), Britain's national regulator for workplace health and safety, accepted a [guilty plea](#) today from a Disney subsidiary for failing to protect actors and workers following an incident in which actor Harrison Ford was seriously injured during the filming of *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*.

HSE enforces a similar provision to the OSHA general duty clause and the HSE may bring criminal charges under some circumstances.

A spokesman for HSE noted:

“During the filming of *Star Wars Episode Seven: The Force Awakens*, the actor Harrison Ford was badly injured after he became trapped under a rapidly closing metal-framed door. The power of the door's drive system was comparable to the weight of a small car.

“This was a foreseeable incident. Foodles Production (UK) Ltd has accepted it failed to protect actors and staff and HSE welcomes the firm's guilty plea.

“Every employer in every industry has a legal duty to manage risks in the workplace. Risks are part and parcel of everyday life, and this is acknowledged by health and safety law – but they still need to be identified and managed in a proportionate way.

The New York Times [reports](#) that the Disney subsidiary challenges the HSE's assessment of the danger that Mr. Ford was exposed to.

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