



# PUWER for Machinery Safety

## The key to workplace safety in United Kingdom

### WORKPLACE SAFETY IN UK BEFORE PUWER

There were over 160,000 cases of workplace injuries every year in UK in the 1990s. To reduce this, the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER) was introduced to improve the workplace safety. PUWER requires that equipment provided for use at work is safe for use, used only by qualified worker, and accompanied by suitable health and safety measures and procedures.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF PUWER

Since PUWER was made effective, the number of workplace injuries have reduced by more than half. Nonetheless, accidents relating to moving machinery in UK contributed to about 6% of fatalities and close to 10% of non-fatal injuries. These eventually cost the employers GBP 252 million (~EUR 281 million) and 2.7 million lost working days annually.

PUWER places legal obligations on companies who operate or have control over work equipment, they must ensure the workplace is a safe working environment for all employees. By complying with PUWER companies can demonstrate that their workplace is safe environment and their machinery and equipment is safe to use.

### THE RELEVANCE OF PUWER IN YOUR WORKPLACE

If your business or organisation uses work equipment or is involved in providing work equipment for others to use, you must manage the risks from that equipment. This means you need to:

- Ensure work equipment is only used for suitable purposes.
- Take account of the working conditions and health and safety risks in the workplace when selecting work year in equipment.
- Take measures to prevent or control the risks to people from parts and substances falling or being ejected from work equipment.
- Ensure that work equipment is provided with appropriately identified controls for starting, stopping and controlling it, and that these control systems are safe.
- Take effective measures to prevent access to dangerous parts of machinery.





#### **SPECIAL PUWER PACKAGE**

- PUWER Assessment and Report: Comprehensive PUWER Assessment undertaken by our PUWER Experts, offering added value by highlighting none compliance and solutions to rectify issues.
- PUWER Assessment Training: PUWER training day to ensure your staff can conduct future PUWER Assessments and Risk Assessments – reducing costs and risks to your business.

#### **FURTHER PUWER AND MACHINERY-RELATED SERVICES**

- Functional Safety of Machinery
- Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC
- CE Marking
- Risk Assessment for Plants
- Industrial Machinery Assessment and Inspection



**As recognized leaders in industrial safety worldwide, we offer PUWER assessments to keep you in compliance and keep your workplace safe.**

**OUR EXPERTS WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU WITH ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS. PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH US!**

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