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Inspection of MHE following an incident

Before MHE equipment can be put back into service following an accident or incident, employers need to ensure that it remains in safe and serviceable condition.

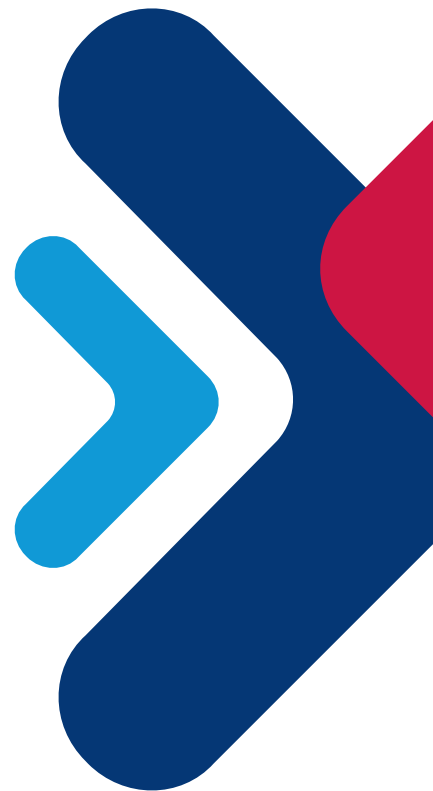
Regulation 6 of the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER) stipulates that in exceptional circumstances which are likely to jeopardise the safety of work equipment employers must conduct thorough equipment inspections. These assessments are to ensure that the equipment is in a safe to operate condition and to identify and remedy any faults.

Under LOLER Regulation 9, it is a legal requirement that a competent person conducts a Thorough Examination of lifting equipment. This inspection ensures that any necessary repairs are completed to restore the equipment to the manufacturer's specifications

Competent Persons

LOLER and the HSE require a time-served, competent person with the necessary knowledge and experience to perform this task. The UKMHA recommends appointing a CFTS-certified competent person, who will have at least five years of experience and independent training. This ensures that all inspections are conducted in accordance with regulations under both LOLER (including the mast, chains, and forks) and PUWER (covering brakes, steering, wheels, overhead guard, etc.).

The competent person may advise a more frequent examination regime based on site conditions. You will also be given a comprehensive Report of Thorough Examination telling you if the equipment is now safe to lift and drive.





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Load testing

Visual inspection and measurement of distortion and wear are often sufficient. It is the responsibility of the competent person to determine whether a load test is necessary and to define the nature of the test as part of the Thorough Examination.

In some cases, conventional overload tests may damage equipment. The competent person has the authority to require alternative testing methods, such as NDT (Non-Destructive Testing), if they deem it necessary to properly assess the safety of the equipment.

Records of inspection

Both LOLER and PUWER require that the results of Thorough Examinations and Safety Inspections are recorded, and that no equipment should leave the employer's undertaking unless it is accompanied by physical evidence of the most recent inspections.

If a defect in lifting equipment poses an existing or imminent risk of serious personal injury, the competent person is required to report it to the relevant enforcement authority.





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Wholly owned by UKMHA, [CFTS](#) provides training and accreditation to ensure that Thorough Examinations and Safety Inspections of materials handling equipment are carried out to the highest standards and meet the requirements of both LOLER and PUWER.

Crucially, by using a [CFTS accredited provider](#) you can be confident that your competent person is truly competent, and your Thorough Examination is truly thorough.

For peace of mind when it comes to equipment safety and compliance, look for the CFTS Quality Mark.

