

# Provision and use of work equipment regulations 1998 PUWER 98

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## PUWER 98 requirements include:

- Work equipment should be inspected at intervals when it is exposed to conditions causing deterioration, which is liable to result in a dangerous situation.
- Where the safety of work equipment depends on installation conditions, it is inspected to ensure that it is installed correctly and is safe to operate after it is first installed or after it has been assembled at a new situation or location.
- Following any incident or change in working environment, which affects its safety. All work should be inspected by a Competent Person.

## Mobile Work Equipment should be:

- Designed or adapted to ensure passengers are carried without harm.
- Equipment to minimise the risks to safety of persons riding on the equipment if it rolls over.

## Self-Propelled Work Equipment should be equipped with devices to ensure that:

- It cannot be started by an unauthorised person.
- The likelihood of a collision is minimised where equipment travels on rails.
- There are devices for braking and stopping.

- Where necessary, there are back-up/fail-safe systems to the main braking system.
- Where necessary, additional devices are provided to improve drivers field of vision.
- The vehicle is fitted with appropriate lighting for its safe use.
- The vehicle is equipped with appropriate fire fighting appliances if there is a risk of fire, unless appliances are kept nearby.

## Remote-controlled self-propelled work equipment should:

Incorporate controls to automatically stop the movement of the equipment once it exceeds its control limits, where there is a risk to safety.

## Power take-off shafts on mobile work equipment require:

Safety measures to prevent seizure of the drive unit or power take-off shaft. Where this is not possible, precautions must be taken to protect employees from harm.

The core requirements of the present Power Press Regulations are contained within a separate section of PUWER 98.