

Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 LOLER

Factsheet

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LOLER requirements include:

- Where the safety of lifting equipment depends on installation conditions, it is thoroughly examined to ensure that it is installed and working safely before it is put into service for the first time or at a new site location.
- Following any incident or change in working environment that affects its safety, lifting equipment should be thoroughly examined.

LOLER offers employers 2 options regarding periodic examinations of lifting equipment:

1 Examined at prescribed recurring intervals of:

- At least every 6 months for lifting accessories (tackle) and equipment for lifting persons.
- At least every 12 months for other lifting equipment.

2 Periodic examinations of lifting equipment at intervals identified in an 'Examination Scheme'.

An **Examination Scheme** defines:

- The relevant legislation for compliance.
- The frequency of examination for a given item of lifting equipment.
- The scope and process of examination of lifting equipment.

The employer is responsible for ensuring that lifting equipment is inspected at suitable intervals between thorough examinations. This will ensure that health and safety conditions are maintained and any deterioration can be detected and reflected in good time.

The guidance document accompanying the regulations emphasises the need for **independence** and **impartiality** of **Competent Persons**.