

COURSE CONTENT OVERVIEW

PUWER



This PUWER training course helps you to understand the legal requirements set out in the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998, to ensure safe work equipment is selected, and the risks posed by work equipment are appropriately managed.

The course looks at how to carry out a risk assessment for work equipment and which control measures should be implemented in accordance with the hierarchy of control, to reduce the risks posed by installation, operation, and maintenance of work equipment. It provides practical health and safety information that you can apply to your own use of work equipment.

Module One: Introduction to PUWER

This module looks at what PUWER means and the risks posed by work equipment. It explains the legal duties of employers under PUWER and other related legislation, as well as the responsibilities employees have to help uphold health and safety. It also includes an introduction to the hierarchy of control measures and ends with some related case studies.

- What is PUWER?
- What work equipment does PUWER apply to?
- The risks posed by work equipment
- Related legislation
- Requirements of PUWER
- Employee duties
- The hierarchy of control measures
- Case studies

Module Two: Risk Assessment

This module outlines each step in the risk assessment process. It explains to employers how to carry out an effective risk assessment and gives employees the information they need to be able to contribute towards a risk assessment in their workplace. This module includes a downloadable risk assessment template.

- Key concepts
- Who should carry out risk assessments?
- The five steps in the risk assessment process
- Identify the hazards
- Decide who might be harmed and how
- Evaluate the risks and decide on controls
- Evaluating existing controls
- Record your findings and implement them
- Review and update the assessment

Module Three: Reducing and Controlling Risk Part One

This module looks at some of the key control measures you should adopt in your workplace to reduce the risks from work equipment. This module considers the hierarchy of control measures in more detail and includes practical advice on the use of work equipment.

- The hierarchy of control
- Selection of work equipment
- Conformity of work equipment
- Specified hazards set out by PUWER
- Initial safety checks
- Strength and stability
- Location of work equipment
- Safe working loads of work equipment
- Machinery safety
- Guards
- Power presses
- Other specific risks
- Work equipment controls
- Signage
- Equipment storage
- Other hazards to consider

Module Four: Reducing and Controlling Risk Part Two

This module outlines further control measures which you should consider when using work equipment. It also looks at the importance of inspection and maintenance as well as staff training and emergency procedures.

- Inspection of work equipment
- Pre-use checks and inspection of work equipment
- What inspections are required by PUWER?
- Who can carry out inspections?
- Examinations and inspections of work equipment
- Records of inspections
- Maintenance of work equipment
- Who should carry out maintenance and how?
- How often should maintenance be carried out?
- Health and safety when carrying out maintenance
- Inspection and testing of hired equipment
- Safe systems of work
- Mobile work equipment
- Training and communication
- Emergency procedures

Aims of the training

By the end of this course, you will:

- Understand the legal responsibilities defined under the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER) 1998.
- Understand the other main laws that apply to the safe use of work equipment.
- Have an awareness of how risk assessments are carried out for the safe use of work equipment.
- Have knowledge of the control measures needed to eliminate or manage the hazards created by the use of work equipment and ensure health and safety.
- Understand the importance of careful equipment selection, safe working practices, equipment maintenance, inspection and testing, and emergency procedures.