

POWER

COURSE CONTENT OVERVIEW

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The primary aim of Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER) is to ensure that the equipment you operate in your workplace is safe to use. This means selecting the right equipment, inspecting it to make sure it's safe to use, maintaining it in good repair and always following the best working practices laid down by your employer.

This course will provide you with an understanding of what's required by PUWER so that you can assess the risks in your workplace and adopt appropriate control measures to protect your health and safety whilst using work equipment.

### **Module One: Introduction to PUWER**

This module looks at what PUWER means and who will benefit from the training. The module explains some of the key terms and related legislation and outlines your health and safety responsibilities.

- What is PUWER?
- Who is this course for?
- Key terms
- Related legislation
- The risks
- Employer and employee duties
- The hierarchy of control measures

### **Module Two: Risk Assessment**

This module outlines each step in the risk assessment process so that you understand what needs to be considered and can contribute towards an assessment of your own workplace tasks and equipment.

- What is a risk assessment?
- Identify the hazards
- Decide who might be harmed and how
- Evaluate the risks
- Record your findings and implement them
- Review and update

### **Module Three: Reducing and Controlling Risks - Part One**

This module looks at some of the key control measures you should adopt in your workplace so as to reduce the risks from work equipment. The module looks at selecting suitable equipment and ensuring that it is appropriate for the task at hand.

- Can the task be avoided?
- Equipment selection
- Strength and stability
- Location of the equipment
- Safe Working Loads
- Equipment storage
- Tripping hazards
- Signage

### **Module Four: Reducing and Controlling Risks - Part Two**

This module outlines some further control measures which you should consider, looking at the importance of equipment maintenance and inspection and the need for staff training.

- Maintenance
- The competent person
- Inspection, examination and testing
- Testing hired equipment
- Training and communication
- Emergency procedures

## Aims of the Training

By the end of this course, learners will:

- Understand their legal responsibilities under the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998.
- Be aware of how to undertake a risk assessment of the work premises.
- Have knowledge of the control measures needed to ensure health and safety and manage the hazards created by the use of work equipment.
- Understand the importance of careful equipment selection, safe working practices, equipment maintenance, inspection and testing and emergency procedures.