

# PUWER Inspection Checklist

The **Provision and Use of Work Regulations (PUWER)** require all workplaces to ensure their equipment is suitable and safe for its intended use. More specifically, it requires responsible people and operators to inspect and maintain equipment in order to detect and address any potential issues, as set out in Regulation 6.

This checklist provides a general list of aspects you may need to inspect on your equipment, but you'll likely need to **add and remove items according to your specific equipment's requirements**. Therefore, you should use this as a base for creating your own checklist.

Your information	
Name of inspector	
Equipment type and location	
Date	

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Equipment safety checklist	Yes	No
Is the equipment most appropriate for its intended use?		
Is the equipment free from obvious defects? e.g. frayed cables, not turning on correctly, burning smells, etc		
Where necessary, are safety guards in place, in good condition, and difficult to override without authorisation?		
Does the equipment have suitable stabilising features where necessary?		
Can you operate all the controls easily?		
Do operators have suitable PPE available where needed that they must wear when using the equipment?		

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Has the area been suitably restricted where necessary? e.g. with barriers, a yellow hatched box, etc		
Have you considered the surface on which you need to use the equipment, where relevant?		
Have you considered the risks posed by the environment where relevant? e.g. weather conditions, lighting, temperature, etc		
Can the equipment be safely isolated if necessary?		
Is there adequate space around the equipment?		
Is the surrounding area secure where necessary? e.g. separate pedestrian routes for on-site vehicles, suitable non-combustible covers on surrounding areas when carrying out hot work, etc.		

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Have you considered the risks posed by the environment?		
Are there safety systems in place to prevent ejection, entanglement, collapse, overheating, falling items, or overturning?		
Is the equipment most appropriate for the intended use?		
Are operators of the equipment familiar with the manufacturer's instructions and do they have easy access to them?		
Are start and stop features clear, easy to use, and functioning correctly?		
Is there suitable ventilation in place where necessary?		

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Are emergency stop features, where required, in an easy to access location?		
Have you considered the SWL of lifting equipment?		
Do operators have suitable PPE available where needed that they must wear when using the equipment?		
<b>Additional comments</b>		