



Work Equipment Policy

Purpose

To enable Compass Group UK & Ireland to meet the requirements of health and safety legislation in respect of the selection and use of work equipment.

Introduction

Health and safety legislation relating to the Provision of Use of Work Equipment requires that work equipment provided for use is:

- Suitable for its intended use
- Safe for use
- Maintained in a safe condition
- Where applicable, it is inspected periodically to ensure that it is safe
- Used only by people who have received adequate information, instruction and training
- Accompanied by suitable safety measures such as protective devices, markings and warnings

The legislation also sets out the requirements for work equipment in respect of guarding of dangerous parts, the provision of appropriate start and stop controls, marking of controls, stability, lighting etc.

Procedure

Compass Purchasing & Supply Chain are responsible for ensuring that any work equipment available from approved suppliers for purchase by business sectors is:

- Risk assessed as being suitable for its intended use
- Provided with suitable safety measures, markings and warnings and provided with suitable user operating instructions, and where applicable, specifications for maintenance and inspection.
- Ensuring that when work equipment is purchased, it is purchased only from approved Company suppliers
- Where work equipment is by a Client, the Line Manager or Site Manager must ensure it is suitable for its intended use; is applicable, specifications for maintenance and inspection.
- Ensuring that work equipment is used for its intended purpose and in accordance with user instructions provided by the manufacturer / supplier.