

Overview

This Standard defines the competence required to use mechanically operated machinery and equipment to move waste materials. It involves understanding the characteristics of the waste load, and the capabilities of the equipment used. It requires risks to be minimised

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

Prepare to use mechanical handling equipment to load, unload and move waste

materials

1.
carry out all work in accordance with safe working procedures and practices and organisational and legal requirements
2.
select and use the designated personal protective equipment (PPE) in compliance with operational and legal requirements
3.
undertake daily checks and confirm the mechanical handling equipment and its attachments and accessories are working in accordance with operational and manufacturers procedures
4.
ensure that risk assessments are available and follow all required control measures
Load, move and unload waste materials using mechanical handling equipment
5.
operate equipment in accordance with work instructions and organisational procedures
6.
ensure the equipment is operated within its safe working limit.
7.
operate mechanical handling equipment and aids in a safe manner
8.
comply with operational and legal procedures and documents when handling waste materials
9.
ensure the equipment to be used is suitable for the characteristics of the waste materials
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ensure that the waste material is handled in a safe manner

11.

ensure the load being handled is stable at all times

12.

ensure the work area is free from obstructions at all times during operations

13.

monitor the work environment continuously to minimise risk

Use and communicate data and information

14.

provide information to others to complete all documentation associated with the handling of the load.

15.

report situations where waste materials do not comply with documentation

16.

report defects on equipment, and in the work area, when handling recyclable materials

Resolve problems which arise from mechanically handling waste

17.

respond to emergencies and spillages in line with operational procedures

18.

identify and resolve any discrepancies between the paperwork and the waste before it is loaded or unloaded

19.

take steps immediately in accordance with operational procedures to ensure unsafe conditions are dealt with

20.

report immediately any unsafe conditions

21.

report to manager situations which are outside your job role responsibilities

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

General

1.
the classifications of and potential hazards associated with different waste
 2.
how to identify work-related hazards and risks
 3.
details of operational procedures and documentation
 4.
how to work with colleagues and other people and resolve disagreements
 5.
operational procedures and the importance of complying with them
 6.
the requirements of and how to use personal protective equipment (PPE) in line with operational procedures
 7.
your job responsibility and when to report to managers
- #### Mechanical handling of waste
8.
where to find risk assessments and how to follow the control measures
 9.
the physical and handling characteristics of different types of waste
 10.
the techniques for handling loads including the use of mechanical handling aids
 11.
how adverse conditions can affect the handling of loads
 12.
the importance of assessing ground conditions in the loading area

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13.

the dangers of vehicles and pedestrian traffic in the loading area and how to minimise risks by following operational procedures

14.

the potential for damage to buildings or other structures during the handling of loads

15.

how the potential for distortion or movement of the load whilst handling

16.

the different techniques of maneuvering safely both loaded and unloaded

17.

the importance of documentation associated with the handling of a load

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