



HUMBERSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

HEALTH, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT

LIFTING OPERATIONS AND LIFTING EQUIPMENT

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1. INTRODUCTION

Humberside Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) recognises that the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 apply to certain work activities.

HFRS shall ensure that lifting equipment provided is of adequate strength and stability and be marked in accordance with the Regulations. Equipment will be tested and inspected in accordance with the Regulations and manufacturers instruction.

The Service will implement procedures to ensure that all lifting operations are planned and organised and that all operators are suitably competent.

2. EQUALITY AND INCLUSION

HFRS has a legal responsibility under the Equality Act 2010, and a commitment, to ensure it does not discriminate either directly or indirectly in any of its functions and services nor in its treatment of staff, in relation to race, sex, disability, sexual orientation, age, pregnancy and maternity, religion and belief, gender reassignment or marriage and civil partnership. It also has a duty to make reasonable adjustments for disabled applicants, employees and service users.

3. RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk assessments must be carried out for any loading or unloading operations carried out using HFRS vehicles and equipment specifically designed for that purpose. The significant findings of these assessments must be considered in formulating comprehensive lifting plan prior to the lift commencing. All operators must adhere to this plan.

It is not feasible to produce written plans for lifting operations on the incident ground. However, lifting operations must always be planned before being carried out. Two trained operators should plan the lift. During the lifting operations one operator should operate the vehicle and the other should act as banksman.

4. REDUCING RISK

The key control measures identified during the assessment of the operational use of specific lifting equipment and aerial appliances are:

- Dynamic risk assessment
- Safe systems of work
- Instruction, information and training of operators
- Supervision
- Cordons
- Safety Officer
- PPE
- Lifting equipment and use of banksmen

5. EMPLOYEE'S DUTIES

Regulation 14 of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 places the following duties on all employees:

- Using the equipment, safe systems of work and procedures provided by the Service in accordance with training and instruction given.
- Informing their line manager without delay of any situation which may present a serious and imminent danger.
- Notifying their line manager of any shortcoming in the health and safety arrangements.

6. SUPERVISION AND MONITORING

The Service employs a system of supervision for all activities involving risk to personnel; this includes the supervision of lifting operations.

The level of supervision will depend on the risk involved and the competence and abilities of personnel.

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