

Working With Plant & Equipment

Plant & Equipment varies from workplace to workplace and if you are new to a worksite than you could be exposed to a variety of equipment that you are not familiar with. These pieces of equipment can vary from different manufacturers and models of forklifts / trucks / vehicles / pallet runners to specific one off pieces of manufacturing equipment that contain fast moving hazardous parts.

No matter what piece of equipment a host client has, they all have their own specific risks and hazards associated with them which you as a worker need to become familiar with. Some of these risks and hazards can result in cuts and lacerations, amputation of a body part, crush injuries, burns, exposure and inhalation of hazardous substances and even industrial deafness. All of these can leave you and other co-workers with long term permanent restrictions that can affect how you live your life outside of work.

So when working at a host site;

- Ensure you have been inducted into the workplace, take note of safety information including safety processes.
- Only operate equipment that you are licensed, trained and inducted on and in accordance with manufacturer's limits. If you are not sure than ask your supervisor.
- Visually inspect the equipment to ensure it's in safe working conditions and check that the appropriate guarding and safety equipment is installed.
- Never tamper with or modify any equipment.
- Know where the emergency stop / emergency isolation switch is.
- Never act in an unsafe manner, do not take short cuts, and follow the instructions on how you trained.
- Never stick your hands into a machine to retrieve, unjam or fix anything unless you have been trained and the equipment has been isolated / turned off.
- If operating mobile equipment or walking around a facility, then adhere to the traffic management plan of the facility and adhere to allocated pedestrian walkways.
- Keep a safe distance from other moving equipment and never assume another operator has seen you.

Never feel pressured to undertake a tasks that you feel is outside of your training, qualifications or ability. Please contact your Labourforce representative with any concerns.

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