

G8 LOLER & PUWER - INDEPENDENT ENGINEERING INSPECTIONS

SUMMARY

Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) has a statutory duty under the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment regulations 1998 (LOLER) and the Provision and Use of Work Equipment regulations 1998 (PUWER) to ensure that certain items of plant and equipment receive periodic thorough examination⁽¹⁾ by competent persons, to ensure that any maintenance to prevent danger is identified and carried out. Should these Independent engineering inspections not take place, then LCC cannot guarantee insurance coverage in the event of an accident or incident

Through the LCC insurance programme, Engineering Insurance is purchased to provide cover for the following types of fixed machinery or equipment:

- Lifting and handling plant
- Electrical and Mechanical plant
- Boiler and Pressure plant

Included in this insurance package are periodic engineering inspections of these types of plant and equipment, which can help maintain a safe operating environment whilst providing compliance with the applicable health and safety legislation.

LOLER regulations state that all equipment used for lifting is fit for purpose, appropriate for the task, suitably marked and, in many cases, subject to statutory periodic 'thorough examination'. Records must be kept of all thorough examinations and any defects found must be reported to the person responsible for the equipment.

PUWER regulations state work equipment must be suitable for the intended use, safe to use, maintained in a safe condition and inspected to ensure it is correctly installed and does not subsequently deteriorate.

(As lifting equipment is also 'work equipment', Both LOLER and PUWER regulations will apply)

A specialist level of expertise is necessary for these inspections and is not available internally. These inspections are contracted by the Insurance team to an independent inspection authority.

NB. These Independent Engineering Inspections are not to be confused with the maintenance inspections, which are arranged through the Property contract.

APPLICATION

All County Council establishments

⁽¹⁾- Unless there is an 'examination scheme' specifying other intervals, thorough examinations should be conducted: 6 monthly, for lifting equipment and any associated accessories used to lift people, 6 monthly for all lifting accessories and 12 monthly for all other lifting equipment

RESPONSIBILITIES

Site Managers/ Responsible person

Ensure the [Insurance team](#) have up to date information with regard those who can/should have access to the independent engineering inspection [Portal](#)

Identifying the items under their control which require engineering inspections

Notifying the Insurance team of these items for inclusion in the inspection schedule and also notifying when any of these items are disposed of so they can be removed from the schedule, or in the case of new plant or equipment, added to the schedule.

On receipt of the independent engineering inspection reports, organise any remedial work specified by contacting [Property services](#).

Following inspection, if an item of plant or equipment is declared unsafe, ensure the asset is not used until remedial work has been undertaken, **AND** re-inspection by the independent engineering inspection company has taken place and declared the asset as safe to use.

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Insurance Section

Keeping a schedule of the plant and equipment that require engineering inspections

Contracting an independent inspection authority to carry out the engineering inspections at the prescribed intervals

Administer access of the engineering inspection portal to the nominated manager/responsible person in order they have access to the reports

Support the manager/responsible persons with any queries regarding the engineering inspection portal

Property

Organising any remedial work identified on the inspection reports, once notified by the site manager/responsible person

Keeping records of the inspection reports to prove compliance with the legislation

Provide clarity as to whether plant or equipment should be included in the schedule

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information is also available from the Health and Safety Executive on www.hse.gov.uk.

Information on the Independent engineering inspection report portal is available at the [HSB website](#)

ADVICE AND SUPPORT

Please contact:-

The Insurance team [here](#) or the Property team [here](#)