

10.0 WORK EQUIPMENT

10.1 Background

"Work equipment" is defined as 'any machine, apparatus, tool or installation used at work'.

"Use" includes any activity that may be associated with work e.g. starting, stopping, setting, repairing, servicing, cleaning, etc.

10.2 Applicable Legislation

The Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974

The Provisions and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998

10.3 Procedure

It is the duty of Forest Edge Construction to ensure that all equipment is purchased with safety in mind, maintained in good repair, efficient working order and subject to regular inspection and testing as appropriate.

We will ensure that risk assessments have been documented to include work equipment, and the environment in which it will be used, and bring such risk assessments to the attention of all employees.

Where work equipment poses a significant risk, it is only to be used by persons considered to be competent. This equipment must only be used by those authorised, competent persons.

Any work equipment issued to employees must only be used for the purpose it was intended. Such work equipment is subject to a visual inspection by the user, and in terms of electrical equipment, a formal inspection at the appropriate intervals.

Any faulty work equipment must be taken out of action and reported. Do not use faulty equipment.

Where applicable, suitable personal protective equipment is to be provided and used in conjunction with work equipment.

Forest Edge Construction will ensure that adequate information, instruction, and training is provided to all employees with regards to work equipment used.