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Machinery Directive Compliance

The Machinery directive is a piece of legislation which was initially introduced to harmonise the essential health and safety requirements for a machine which is to be placed on the market within the European Community. This piece of legislation has been revised and the changes made during this revision are effective as of the 31st December 2009. The Machinery Directive places responsibilities on manufacturers, suppliers and end users of machinery. The duties placed upon end users or employers are quite extensive.

These duties require employers to examine all aspects concerning machinery within their workspace including,

- How equipment is selected and determined to be the correct equipment for use,
- How risks which may be introduced through the ongoing use of the machine are minimised,
- How employers provide adequate instruction and training to their employees regarding the use and ongoing maintenance of machinery,
- How employees interact with the machinery,
- How the machine complies with all applicable European technical standards,

In order to comply with the above regulation employers must have a structured approach to assessing all of the issues, which surround the supply, and use of machinery.

Egan Safety Solutions offers its clients its expertise in developing this structure. We achieve this through working with a client's representative and doing the following,

- Auditing the workplace and identifying machinery and work equipment which is present, and which is required to comply with the directive,
- Examining any existing procurement policies, and modifying these to ensure that the safety of machinery is considered prior to procurement,
- Examining the training requirements as set out by the manufacturers of machinery which is currently in use within the workplace, and identifying any areas where further training is required,
- Examining the current risk assessments which are in place, and ensuring that ergonomic risk assessments concerning the use of machinery have been completed as necessary,
- Examining the systems which are in place concerning the ongoing inspection and maintenance of machinery,
- Identifying any additional sources of information which should be made available to employees, and bringing this to the attention of our clients,
- Developing a procedure or policy document to incorporate any changes along with existing control measures to ensure that measures necessary for compliance with the machinery directive are being complied with within the company,

Should you require any further information or wish to make an enquiry regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact us using our booking form.