

Fixed Plant

Hazard checklist

Use this checklist to identify hazards in new and existing plant and to assist when considering plant to purchase.

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Assessed by:	Date: / /
Description of plant:	
Activities (e.g. use, cleaning and maintenance):	

'Yes' to any of the following indicates the need to implement appropriate control measures

Entanglement	Yes	No
Can a person's hair, clothing, gloves, necktie, jewellery, cleaning brush or rag become entangled with moving parts of the plant?		
Crushing		
Can anyone be crushed due to:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › material falling off the plant? › uncontrolled or unexpected movement of the plant? › lack of capacity for the plant to be slowed, stopped or immobilised? › the plant tipping or rolling over? › parts of the plant collapsing? › coming into contact with moving parts of the plant during testing, inspection, operation, maintenance, cleaning or repair? › being thrown off or under plant? › being trapped between the plant and materials or fixed structures? › other factors not mentioned? 		
Cutting, stabbing or puncturing		
Can anyone be stabbed or punctured due to:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › coming in contact with sharp or flying objects? › coming in contact with moving parts during testing, inspection, operation, maintenance, cleaning or repair? › the plant, parts of the plant or work pieces disintegrating? › work pieces being ejected? › the mobility of the plant? › uncontrolled or unexpected movement of the plant? › other factors not mentioned? 		
Shearing	Yes	No
Can anyone's body parts be sheared between two parts of the plant, or between a part of the plant and a work piece or structure?		

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<p>Can anyone be struck by moving objects due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › uncontrolled or unexpected movement of the plant or material handled by the plant? › the plant, parts of the plant or work pieces disintegrating? › work pieces being ejected? › mobility of the plant? › other factors not mentioned? 		
High Pressure Fluid		
<p>Can anyone come into contact with fluids under high pressure, due to plant failure or misuse of the plant?</p>		
Electrical		
<p>Can anyone be injured by electrical shock or burnt due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › the plant contacting live electrical conductors? › the plant working in close proximity to electrical conductors? › overload of electrical circuits? › damaged or poorly maintained electrical leads and cables? › damaged electrical switches? › water near electrical equipment? › lack of isolation procedures? › other factors not mentioned? 		
Explosion		
<p>Can anyone be injured by explosion of gases, vapours, liquids, dusts or other substances, triggered by the operation of the plant or by material handled by the plant?</p>		
<p>Can anyone using the plant, or in the vicinity of the plant, slip, trip or fall due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › uneven or slippery work surfaces? › poor housekeeping e.g. offcuts, cables, hoses obstructing walkways, spills not cleaned up? › obstacles being placed in the vicinity of the plant? › other factors not mentioned? 		
<p>Can anyone fall from a height due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › lack of a proper work platform? › lack of proper stairs or ladders? › lack of guardrails or other suitable edge protection? › unprotected holes, penetrations or gaps? › poor floor or walking surfaces, such as the lack of a slip-resistant surface? › steep walking surfaces? › collapse of the supporting structure? › other factors not mentioned? 		

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Ergonomic	Yes	No
<p>Can anyone be injured due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › poorly designed seating? › poorly designed operator controls? › high forces? › repetitive movements? › awkward body posture or the need for excessive effort? › vibration? › other factors not mentioned? 		
Combination of hazards		
<p>Can anyone be injured due to unexpected start-up, unexpected over-run/over-speed (or similar malfunction) from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › failure/disorder of the control system, for example a hydraulic system? › restoration of energy supply after an interruption? › external influences on electrical equipment? › other environmental factors (gravity, wind, etc.)? › errors in the software? › errors made by the operator? 		
Other hazards		
<p>Can anyone be injured due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › noise? › inadequate or poorly placed lighting? › entry into any confined spaces of the plant? › failure to select plant that is suitable for its intended use? › contact with hot or cold parts of plant? › exposure to hazardous chemicals, radiation or other emissions released by the plant? › lack of operator competency? › other factors not mentioned? 		