

Plant

Overview

Plant is the common name given to machinery, tools, appliances and equipment that is used in places of work. The types of plant that are commonly found at UWS include lifts, electrical equipment, power tools, computers, hand held tools, workshop equipment and laboratory equipment, such as autoclaves and centrifuges.

In relation to plant UWS is legally required to:

- Identify the hazards that are inherent in the installation, use, maintenance and disposal of plant
- Implement appropriate action(s) to eliminate or minimise the risks
- Develop and document safe work procedures and ensure they are strictly followed by users
- Provide appropriate training, information and instruction to employees and students on safe working practice

Critical Point Summary

- Conduct a risk assessment before any plant is purchased and/or installed
- Ensure plant is installed, maintained and operated in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations and UWS procedures
- Ensure that all moving parts are adequately guarded and the guard is maintained
- Ensure only appropriately trained/qualified people operate/use plant
- Ensure that all plant is properly shut down, cleaned and isolated from motive or electrical power as appropriate before any maintenance is carried out