

Do I really need to have my patient handling equipment serviced?

Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (1998)

Summary - Employers responsibilities:

- Ensure that the equipment used is sufficiently strong, stable and suitable for the proposed use.
- Ensure that the equipment is installed or positioned to prevent the risk of injury.
- Ensure that all lifting equipment is marked with its safe working load.
- Ensure that all lifting operation's are properly planned by a competent person.
- Ensure that all employees have appropriate training and instruction so that they are able to ensure that the equipment is safe to use.
- Ensure that all lifting equipment is thoroughly examined before being used for the first time.
- Ensure that thorough examinations take place every 6 months** or in accordance with a scheme of examination.

Chiltern Invadex provide testing and certification in line with current LOLER regulations (1998) with a comprehensive report provided for each product tested. Chiltern Invadex Service engineers are factory trained and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, anywhere in the UK.

- Ensure that a thorough examination takes place following any exceptional circumstances.
- Ensure that the person carrying out those examinations is 'competent', independent and impartial.
- Ensure that if equipment is sold or passed on, it is accompanied by a record of its last thorough examination.
- If a scheme of examination is in place, that:

The scheme has been produced by a competent person.

The scheme is recorded, annotated and accessible.

- That changes to the equipment or its use are advised to the competent person so that the scheme may be amended if necessary.
- That in the event of a report of a defect being received, that the equipment is removed from service until the defect is rectified.
- Ensure that Declaration of conformity and/or examination reports are kept for the appropriate periods.

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