



Maintenance Safe Working Practices

The Health and Safety at Work Act requires employers to maintain all machinery, plant, premises, technical equipment and services in a safe working condition. A planned maintenance schedule is normally necessary to satisfy this duty supported by written records of all such work, tests and other examinations or functional checks.

This requirement is nothing more than good housekeeping practice or a safe system of work, suitably recorded in appropriate logs, registers or records, held available for inspection from time-to-time by HSE Factory Inspectors and/or senior management.

Certain tests and inspections must be conducted by qualified persons or independent inspectors. Copies of reports associated with these inspections must be retained for reference (see also Registers and Record).