



A client of ours recently conducted a H&S assessment across the site and identified a number of gaps. One of the areas of concern was the lack of PUWER (The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations) assessments.

As they didn't have anyone qualified to do the assessments, they started obtaining quotes to do this. The quotes they received ranged from £15k to £81k...!

Having done a similar kind of project at another clients site on a large number of machinery we were able to assist in carrying out the PUWER assessments inhouse.

This involved our consultant and a number of their staff including there Line managers, Operators, Engineers and Health & Safety and training officer.

Together as a team they were able to conduct an assessment on each piece of equipment on site and also set up a machine register so we could visually see where we were up to.

They used a template assessment provided by Spectra and once completed, all the actions were collated onto a spreadsheet and arranged in levels of priority.

Carrying out PUWER Assessments ensures that the equipment provided for use at work meets the following criteria:

- **Suitable for the intended use**
- **Safe for use, maintained in a safe condition and inspected to ensure it is correctly installed and does not subsequently deteriorate**
- **Used only by people who have received adequate information, instruction and training**
- **Accompanied by suitable health and safety measures, such as protective devices and controls. These will normally include guarding, emergency stop devices, adequate means of isolation from sources of energy, clearly visible markings and warning devices**
- **Used in accordance with specific requirements.**