

Tyre handling workshops

Public safety



The problem

Many work activities can create risks to the public. Staff doing jobs such as unloading tyre deliveries, transferring tyres from mezzanine floors and moving waste tyres through the working area may need to take account of the public. Work equipment such as lifting ramps, pits, chemicals, battery stores, exhaust stores and welding kits are all potential sources of injury. Risks include:

- being hit by moving tyres or tyres dropped from mezzanine floors;
- falling into an inspection pit;
- being hit by a moving vehicle.

The solution

The best solution is to keep customers out of the working area, in a waiting room, at all times. If possible, keep their vehicle keys, so staff are responsible for all vehicle movements on site.

It is understandable that customers want to inspect their vehicles and tyres. To protect the public as much as possible cordon off hazardous areas and tasks, such as pits and welding jobs, using barriers and clear signage. Clearly mark storage areas as 'Private, no admittance'. If possible, mark 'safe' walkways on the ground between the working area and the waiting room using coloured tape or paint.

When the job is finished, move the vehicle to a safe parking bay before handing back the keys.

Risk assessment

There is no MAC assessment for this activity. Use your common sense when assessing the risks to the public. There is no need to itemise every hazard. Do enough to ensure that your customers stay safe in an unfamiliar place.