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What does LOLER Require?

LOLER addresses the specific risks associated with the use of lifting equipment. Thorough examination and inspection are key requirements of the Regulations.

Every Employer shall ensure that lifting equipment is thoroughly examined -

- (a) after installation and before being put into service for the first time; and
 - (i) in the case of lifting equipment for lifting persons or an accessory for lifting, at least every 6 months;
 - (ii) in the case of other lifting equipment, at least every 12 months; or
 - (iii) in either case, in accordance with an examination scheme; and
 - (iv) each time that exceptional circumstances which are liable to jeopardise the safety of the lifting equipment have occurred.

Definitions of Lifting Gear & Inspection Timescales

Lifting Equipment = 12 Months

Lifting equipment is any work equipment for lifting and lowering loads, and includes any accessories used in doing so (such as attachments to support, fix or anchor the equipment)

Electric Overhead Cranes	Mobile Gantries
Powered Operated Hoists	Hydraulic Jacks
Hand Operated Chain Hoists	Mechanical Jacks
Hand Operated Lever Hoists	Vehicle Tail Lifts
Lifting / Pulling Machines	Stair Lifts
Winches for Lifting Purposes	Vehicle Lifts
Travelling Girder Trolleys	Telehandlers
Slewing Jib Cranes	Industrial Lift Trucks
Runways	Scissors Lifts

Lifting Accessories = 6 Months

Lifting accessories are pieces of equipment that are used to attach the load to lifting equipment, providing a link between the two. Any lifting accessories used between lifting equipment and the load may need to be taken into account in determining the overall weight of the load.

Chain Sling	Plate Handling Clamps
Wire Rope Sling	Manhole Lifting Pins
Eyebolt	Drum Lifting Equipment
Shackle	Crane Forks
Fibre Round Sling	Crane Scales
Flat Woven Web Slings	Load Cells
Fibre Rope Sling	Snatch Blocks
Beam / Girder Clamps	Block / Brick Grab
Lifting Frames / Beams	Kerb Grabs
Spreader Beams	Lifting Magnets
Lifting Hooks & Swivels	Rigging Screws

These lists are not exhaustive

What Equipment is NOT covered?

Some equipment used in lifting is not covered by LOLER. Where this is the case, you would still have duties under PUWER to ensure the work equipment is safe and suitable, for example:

- Equipment whose principal function is not lifting for example conveyor belts or the three-point linkage on a tractor;
- Items such as pallets, skips, ladles and similar containers, which are considered part of the load.

For lifting equipment used mainly by members of the public (such as lifts in shopping centres or train stations), you do not have duties under PUWER or LOLER. However, you still have duties under the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 to ensure the equipment is safe. Following the requirements in LOLER will help you meet those duties.