

RDA Engineering Plant Guide

- If your RDA Group is using any kind of electrical and mechanical equipment, lifting appliance or pressure plant, you may well be required to comply with various legislation, examples of which are as follows:

➤ Electricity at Work Regulations 1959	EAWR
➤ Pressure Systems Safety Regulations 2000	PSSR
➤ Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998	LOLER
➤ Provision and use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998	PUWER

- In each case there is a statutory requirement for the various types of equipment to be subject to regular inspection, by an appropriately qualified organisation or individual.
- Failure to comply with the legislation can lead to regulatory action and even a criminal prosecution if something goes wrong. That being the case it is essential, in order to protect your Group and indeed yourself, that you follow the appropriate statutory procedures.

In each case there are various statutory requirements, which can be summarised as follows:

- **Training and Competency**

You will be required to demonstrate that any operation is properly planned by a competent person, appropriately supervised and in line with health and safety policies and procedures.

- **Statutory Inspection**

You will also be required to have your equipment tested by an appropriately qualified organisation or individual. Inspection timescales vary, from six months to five years, depending on the type of equipment and the relevant legislation.

You should also be advised, if it is an expensive piece of equipment, that it is properly and appropriately insured!

In order to assist you, in the first instance you should seek advice from the company that installed your equipment, appliance or plant.

Failing that, there are a number of plant services businesses which provide support and assistance. There is bound to be one near you – if you Google “plant service engineers”.

Finally, if you are unable to get advise elsewhere, please do contact your Insurance Broker at [Howden](#), who will be delighted to assist you.