

SECTION 3(20)

WORK EQUIPMENT

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Introduction

The Bracknell Forest Council must comply with the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER). The primary objective of PUWER is to ensure the safe provision and use of work equipment. The scope of "work equipment" is wide and includes portable tools, such as drills, hammers and chisels, through to dumper trucks and refuse collection vehicles. It includes any machinery, appliance, apparatus or tool for use at work. Risk assessment, as required under Regulations 3(1) of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1998, will help in identifying the protective and preventative measures needed to comply with PUWER. Guidance on Regulations can be found at: [PUWER](#)

Purchasing Policy

With regard to the purchasing of work equipment, the Council's Standing Orders state that "Where an appropriate British Standard Specification or British Standard Code of Practice issued by the British Standards Institution is current at the date of tender, every contract shall require that all goods and materials used or supplied, and all workmanship shall be at least of the standard required by the Specification or Code of Practice".

The HSE Guidance not only provides comprehensive detail on each of the Regulations but also lists references and sources to relevant British, European and International standards and HSE and other publications, and provides a list of existing legislation relevant to the PUWER.