ARCH **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Warehousing & Storage - Risk Management Considerations

Warehouses and storage facilities are exposed to a multitude of hazards that, if not managed correctly, all have the potential to seriously impact the business and its staff. Managing these risks can prove challenging.

Using this guidance will enable you to identify the hazards and risks that are most relevant to your organisation and help you to deal with them appropriately, and in accordance with the law.

These key considerations were devised to help your business recognise and therefore reduce risk in order to ensure the health and safety of anyone who works in/on, or visits the premises, including any associated vehicles used.

Key Considerations for Warehousing & Storage Businesses

1. Warehouses and storage buildings can be dangerous environments to work in, with many potential hazards and associated risks. Are you aware of the common causes of injuries and what you should do to protect staff?
2. A variety of systems are used for storing goods, from pallets to static racking. What do you consider important factors in choosing the storage method/s best for your facility? Are all used and stored chemical segregated by class and type?
3. What lifting equipment is used in your business? Are you aware of what training and certification is required for operators using that equipment, and what / where appropriate statutory inspections are required?
4. What training are staff given on how to properly lift, handle and carry objects, where the use of lifting equipment is not appropriate, to avoid back and other injuries?
5. Do you have a suitable and sufficient fire risk assessment prepared by a competent person? Do staff know what to do if there is a fire and how to evacuate the premises safely?
6. As well as a responsibility for their employees, employers have responsibility for visitors, contractors and members of the public, particularly visiting drivers and others making deliveries and collecting items. What provision have you made to separate people and vehicles in both delivery areas and within the warehouse?

Relevant eLearning modules include:

- ✓ Slips Trips and Falls
- ✓ Manual Handling
- ✓ Work at Height
- ✓ Equipment (Machinery) Safety
- ✓ Working with Vehicles
- ✓ Electricity Safety
- ✓ Fire Safety
- ✓ Managing First Aid
- ✓ Chemicals
- ✓ Accident Reporting

The above are part of the current 23 eLearning modules available within the Arch Risk Management website.

Find out more

- Sign into the Arch Risk Management portal (available to all Arch eligible policyholders).
- Click the 'Key Risks' section for more detailed information and guidance.
- Learn about the health and safety issues that can impact your business, as well as all the resources, e-learning modules and support to enable you to manage them.

To register for Arch Risk Management, scan the QR code.

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