



## Working With Plant & Equipment

Plant & Equipment varies from workplace to workplace and if you are new to a worksite then you could be exposed to a variety of equipment that you are not familiar with. These pieces of equipment can vary from different manufacturers and models of forklifts / trucks / vehicles / pallet runners to specific one off pieces of manufacturing equipment that contain fast moving hazardous parts.

No matter what piece of equipment a host client has, they all have their own specific risks and hazards associated with them which you as a worker need to become familiar with. Some of these risks and hazards can result in cuts and lacerations, amputation of a body part, crush injuries, burns, exposure and inhalation of hazardous substances and even industrial deafness. All of these can leave you and other co-workers with long term permanent restrictions that can affect how you live your life outside of work.

So when working at a host site;

- Ensure you have been inducted into the workplace, take note of safety information including safety processes.
- Only operate equipment that you are licensed, trained and inducted on and in accordance with manufacturer's limits as displayed on the manufacturer's plate. If you are not sure than ask your supervisor.
- Visually inspect the equipment to ensure it's in safe working conditions and check that the appropriate guarding and safety equipment is installed.
- Never tamper with or modify any equipment.
- Know where the emergency stop / emergency isolation switch is.
- Never act in an unsafe manner, do not take short cuts, and follow the instructions on how you trained.
- Never stick your hands into a machine to retrieve, unjam or fix anything unless you have been trained and the equipment has been isolated / turned off.
- If operating mobile equipment or walking around a facility, then adhere to the traffic management plan of the facility and adhere to allocated pedestrian walkways.
- Keep a safe distance from other moving equipment and never assume another operator has seen you.

**Never feel pressured to undertake a task that you feel is outside of your training, qualification or ability. Please contact your Coldstaff representative with any concerns.**