

# Rack Safety Awareness



## Rack Safety Awareness Training

HSG76 guidance also advises that your employees receive training, information and instruction on the safe operation of the racking system.

As referenced in HSG76, our Rack Safety Awareness course will help your staff to become 'safety aware' and assist your company with the process to undertake immediate and visual inspections. Our training has been developed around SEMA's guidance and Codes of Practice to meet industry requirements.

We run the following courses:

- Rack Safety Awareness
- Cantilever Rack Safety Awareness

## Who Should Go On The Course?

A nominated, Person Responsible for Rack Safety (PRRS) to suit the operating conditions of the warehouse.

## Course Duration

This is a one-day course is classroom-based. You are not required to bring PPE to this course.

## Course Content

Our comprehensive Rack Safety Awareness course covers:

- Industry Health & Safety requirements
- The safe operation and use of racking systems
- Examples of damage categorisation and prevention
- Why you need an in-house rack inspection
- An explanation of Load Notices
- How to conduct a risk assessment
- How to report and record damage levels and action

## Does My Company Need Rack Safety Awareness Training?

One of the problems with racking is that, on a daily basis, it will inevitably be subjected to knocks, bumps, wear and tear. That's ok, but if these 'little incidents' are left unchecked, they can quickly develop into something far more serious.

To improve the safety of your warehouse, you need to undertake regular inspections of your equipment and make sure your employees are equipped with the knowledge to spot and report any issues with your racking as soon as they happen.

## Meeting Industry Regulations

Did you know that under PUWER, your racking is classed as work equipment. That means you have a responsibility to ensure it is maintained and inspected on a regular basis.

To help the warehouse industry navigate the process, the HSE has produced HSG76 Warehousing and Storage: A Guide to Health and Safety. It is not a legal requirement to follow this best practice document but adhering to the advice given is normally enough to comply with legislation.

To ensure your racking continues to be serviceable and safe, the guidance recommends implementing a tiered system for racking inspection and maintenance:

- Immediate reporting by employees as soon as a safety problem or damage is observed
- Visual inspections on a weekly or at other regular intervals by a nominated and trained employee
- Expert inspections either on an annual or bi-annual basis by a trained specialist such as a SEMA Approved Rack Inspector (SARI)



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