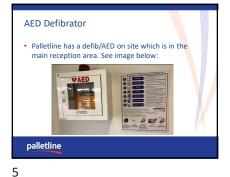


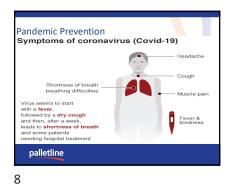




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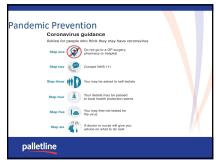




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Controlling and identifying the Risks and Hazards in a workplace

Do risks exist in your workplace?

Do Hazards exist in your workplace?

The answer to both of these questions is YES!!

This however does not mean that your workplace is dangerous. It simply means that we have to identify and control both the risks and the hazards

BUT FIRST WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT A RISK AND A HAZARD ARE

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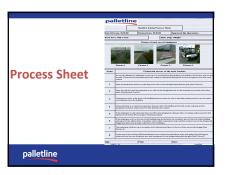


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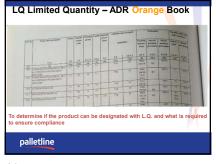






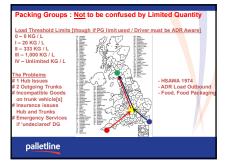
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Definition:

Any transporting or supporting of a load, including the lifting, putting down, pushing, pulling, carrying or moving of a load by hand or bodily force.

Before lifting consider:

Does the load have to be moved?

Can it be moved by another means?

Can the weight of the load be reduced?

Does it require two people to move the load?



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Manual Handling
Common Injuries

Crushed / fractured limbs
These can be very painful but they do mend over time.

Cuts and abrasions
Short term injuries, causing discomfort and some scarring.

Soft Tissue Damage
Injuries to the muscle, tendons and ligaments are painful, but given time and treatment they will heal.

Hernias

Causes major pain and mobility problems. Needs corrective surgery but, with adequate care and support they are repairable. Sometimes continued weakness can prevent you from continuing moving loads.

Acute
(A short term episode of pain or injury)
For example, you could get a badly damaged muscle in the neck. It would be very painful and you would be off work for a period of time, but it should mead.

Chronic
(A more long term episode of pain or injury)
A Chronic back problem could be brought by one serious injury, or a range of Manual Handling tasks performed badly over a period of time. During a chronic injury, you could suffer from acute periods of pain.

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# **Manual Handling**

Any of these injuries could occur at any time, it depends on the circumstances. You could be simply lifting a rubbish bin incorrectly into a skip and suffer serious damage to your back.

You might spend a number of months or even years lifting heavy or awkward loads when suddenly you get out of your car or pick up something off the floor, and you suffer severe pain from what seems like a sudden injury to your back.

However this is clearly not the case, you have just suffered the effect of "cumulative injury". This is when you damage your back over a period of time by poor manual handling, and at that point in time, the damage becomes a painful injury!

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# **Manual Handling**

#### PROGRESSIVE RELAXATION

Relax the knees and sink down until you can make contact with the load.

This should be a relaxed fluent movement, and no attempt should be made to keep the back muscles under tension, or the spine unnaturally straight.

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# **Manual Handling**

#### ARMS

When carrying, keep the arms close to the body and the elbows tucked in. This tension and fatigue in the arms and shoulders.

Carry loads well down onto the body to reduce unnecessary muscular work.

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# **Manual Handling**

So the important question is:

How can we avoid these painful and potentially life changing injuries?

The answer is simple always follow the **GENERAL RULES FOR SAFE LIFTING!!** 

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# **Manual Handling**

#### FIRM GRIP

The load should then be gripped by the roots of the fingers and the palm of the hand. This keeps the load under control and reduces tension in the forearms

Also when the hands are parallel, there is excessive tension in gripping and the elbows tend to point outwards. Whenever possible, one hand should be below the object carried.

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# **Manual Handling**

#### MOVEMENT

As far as possible, a smooth progressive forwards movement should be incorporated when lifting.

This gives momentum to the object and is therefore less likely to cause unwanted stresses on the body.

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# **Manual Handling**

## GENERAL RULES FOR SAFE LIFTING.

FOOT POSITION

Whenever there is a danger of a body being unbalanced, the muscle of the lower limbs and back contract to give the body stability.

It is for this reason that the positioning of the feet is so important when performing different types of work.

To position the feet correctly, place the feet hip width apart to provide a large base. Then put one foot forward and to the side of the object, which gives better balance and reduces the risk of stumbling.

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# Manual Handling

### **HEAD POSITION**

The upward movement starts by raising the head, this has the effect of automatically straightening the back at the moment the load is taken

It is important to note that no one should aim to consciously maintain a straight back throughout a lifting movement, but raising the head to start the upward movement ensures that the back is straight just at the right moment.

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### **Manual Handling**

#### CONCLUSION

Good movement always begins at the "BASE" and progresses upwards. Therefore instead of bending forwards from the hips "TOP HEAVY BENDING" and causing unnecessary tension in the back and legs to maintain balance, the initial movement begins at ground level by placing the feet in such a way as to give the body a wide, stable base. This reduces stiffening in the tissues and muscles to prevent the body falling

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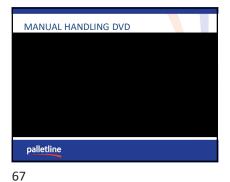


CONCLUSION - CONTINUED

The knees are relaxed or "UNLOCKED". Simply bending the knees is not the same, as people generally bend their knees to the point where they lose the mechanical advantage of the joint. where they lose the mechanical advantage to the plots A good grip is achieved on the object, and then the raising of the head begins the upwards movement and straightens the back at the moment of lifting. Long established bad habits of movement cannot be charged overnight, and it requires careful practice before these principles can automatically incorporated into everyday routine.

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**Noise** noise at work:

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# **Manual Handling**

**REWARDS** 

The rewards for following these simple steps are significant. Over time, elasticity of the body structures will be maintained.

Also, the progressive stiffening of the body and loss of suppleness as we grow older will be significantly reduced, enabling us to enjoy a more active and full life into later years.

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# The effect of permanent hearing loss

- · Sound or speech becoming muffled
- Tinnitus
- Distorted sense of loudness
- Difficult to use the telephone, or needing the television to a high volume

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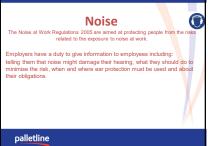
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THE GOLDEN RULES OF MANUAL HANDLING. RULE 1.

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Guidance for Existing Double Deck Trailers All trailers must be fitted with Side/Centre load securing straps and must be kept in good working condition.

- Trailers to be equipped with 14-16 pairs of straps dependent on the load.
- The straps should be used at all times
- Ensure that all vehicles are additionally equipped with an adequate number of load-securing ratchet straps, to secure the freight to the bed and bottom deck of the trailer. RHA

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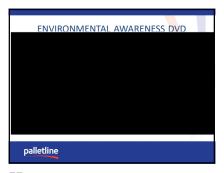






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