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RISK ASSESSMENTS : FLT / TELEHANDLER

A site visit has taken place; however, various changes to scheduling and equipment specification are expected. Therefore this document must be seen as a "work in progress" and should be updated when required.

Activity	Danger To	Risk Rating	Existing Control Methods	Further Action to Reduce Risk	Signed
Use of FLT / Telehandler	Operators Self-employed contractors Employees Other staff on site Members of the public	high	The fall of a load from the vehicle Overturning The danger of a worker being struck by falling objects from the load. Unplanned movement of the vehicle. Mechanical failure. The danger of being struck by the vehicle itself. The danger of not segregating people and moving vehicles. The danger of inexperienced workers using the machine. Poorly lit areas. Speeding. Poorly maintained vehicles. The difficulty of hearing approaching vehicles. Poorly distributed loads Vehicle movement around the site	Create a secure and safe working area. A planned maintenance programme should apply at each site or venue. Only suitably trained workers may drive the vehicles. Ensure that all operators are competent. Make all daily mechanical checks Clearly identify and cordon off the parking area. All proposed operating areas should be checked for suitability. Access to vehicle routes should be limited Set a maximum site speed restriction. The suitability of possible loads should be checked. Do not overload the vehicle. Operator to oversee packing and ensure appropriate fixings are used if necessary Vehicles should be driven in accordance with site conditions. Never leave vehicle unattended with engine running or forks raised. Ensure that overhead obstructions are highlighted. Take extra care when working on slopes, especially crossing any gradient. Use of banksman when required Continual training programme for all operators Continual assessment of all operators Regular updates on legislation & health & safety practices	Dave Lewis (A-TECH Company Partner)
Use of FLT / Telehandler	Operators Self-employed contractors Employees Other staff on site Members of the public	high	Long working hours resulting in: Fatigue Lack of concentration Reduction of spatial awareness	Set a sensible maximum shift length and allow regular breaks. Ensure adequate levels of staffing to allow for this. Adhere to any working time legislation or directives that apply to the country/region you are working in. Enforce recommended breaks Monitor all operators working hours	Dave Lewis (A-TECH Company Partner)

Use of FLT / Telehandler	Operators Self-employed contractors Employees Other staff on site Members of the public	high	Consumption of alcohol and drugs. Reduced awareness and competency. Lack of judgement	Apply and enforce a "no drugs or alcohol" rule before and during working hours or in the working area. Ensure that the operator is competent and that the judgement of all workers remains good. Monitor all operators during their calls Continually assess all operators Enforce recommended breaks Monitor all operators working hours	Dave Lewis (A-TECH Company Partner)