

New Equipment Safety Message

Every single day, new technologies and equipment are being introduced into the marketplace. These technologies and equipment eventually make it to our workplaces. It is important to fully understand these new tools before beginning work. Often new tasks and equipment are a source of injury on the job.

Before Using New Equipment

Depending on how complex the task or piece of equipment is that you are going to use will dictate what will need to be addressed before it is put into service.

1. Involve a subject matter expert (SME). This person can be a rep from the supplier, someone who is familiar with the process within your company, or a consultant.
2. Review all the relevant paperwork for the piece of equipment. Documentation such as the operator's manual, safety guidelines, and technical sheet should be reviewed by everyone involved in the process.
3. Ensure that all of the other necessary resources are in place to safely operate the equipment.

Summary

There are almost always secondary considerations that are not thought of when bringing in new equipment. Creating a thorough process for bringing in new equipment is a proactive approach that benefits everyone involved in many ways. The proper process will not only help to ensure injuries are prevented, but can also help to avoid costly mistakes from an operational standpoint.

