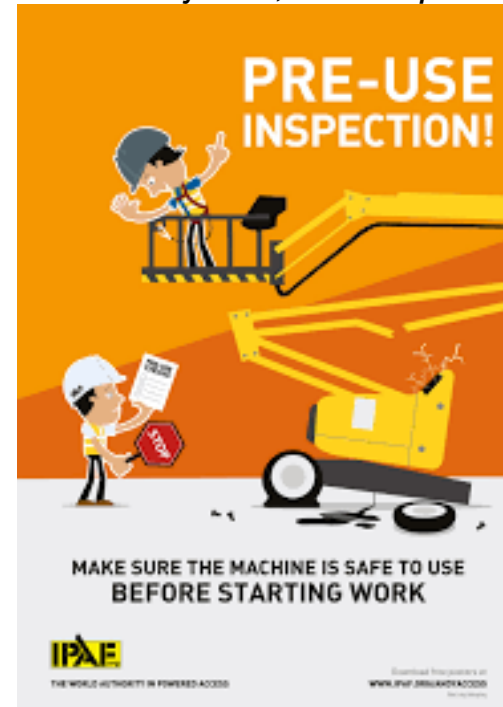


Pre- Start Checks

Did You Know?

Site dumpers are involved in around ONE THIRD of all construction transport accidents. Accidents involving dumpers often result in deaths and serious injuries, to the operator.



Q: 'Who completes the checks?'

Q: 'When are the checks completed?'

Q: 'What do you do if you find a problem?'

- Pre – Start inspection / checks are a legal requirement under the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regs 1998 [PUWER] & the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regs 1998 [LOLER].
- All plant and equipment should be checked before being used. Pre – start inspections sheets need to be completed and sent to the relevant individual in the company.
- Faults need highlighting and only removed once the fault has been rectified.
- Never use anything without checking first it is safe to use.
- Lorries and commercial vehicles also have daily pre-start checks which must be done before they are driven.
- When walking up to any piece of plant, vehicle or equipment visual checks can be completed. Looking for any signs of vandalism, damage & leaks will start the pre - start process.
- Equipment can be inspected by anyone who has sufficient knowledge and experience of it to enable them to know. What to look at. What to look for. What to do if they find a problem.
- Smaller equipment such as petrol cut-off saws, breakers, angle grinders, pressure washers, welders, burning gear, lifting equipment and ladders should be also be checked before using at the beginning of a shift and when ever they are used duration a shift.
- Don't take someone else's word for things being safe, do your own checks.
- If unsure **ASK?** Be safe not sorry.