

Combined Risk Assessment: Manual and Mechanical Movement of Heras Fence Panels

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Manual Movement

Procedure Being Assessed

Manual handling and movement of Heras fence panels.

Required Training

- Manual handling techniques.
- Familiarity with the equipment and safe handling procedures.

Risks

To the General Public

- No risk in the yard due to restricted access.
- Potential injury on the field if public enters the work area.

To You (Worker)

- Musculoskeletal injuries from improper lifting.
- Cuts or abrasions from sharp edges.
- Risk of panels falling due to incorrect stacking.
- Dropping panels during handling.
- Risk of being struck or obstructed by colleagues during unloading.

To Work Colleagues

- Injury from your actions if coordination is poor.
- Risk from negligent behavior or lack of communication.

Other Risks

- Environmental conditions affecting panel stability.
- Uneven ground increasing risk of trips or panel instability.
- Fatigue or distraction leading to mishandling.

Risk Reduction Measures

For the General Public

- Wear high-visibility clothing.
- Communicate clearly with pedestrians.
- Use barriers or signage to restrict access.

For You (Worker)

- Follow company manual handling policies.
- Wear gloves, trousers, and steel toe-capped boots.
- Ensure panels are stable before lifting; use mechanical aids if needed.

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Communicate intentions clearly with colleagues.

For Work Colleagues

- Maintain awareness of each other's actions.
- Discuss and coordinate movements.
- Report unsafe behavior to supervisors.

Mechanical Movement

Procedure Being Assessed

Transporting fence panels using mechanical aid.

Required Training

- In-house training certificate for machinery used.
- Sufficient knowledge of the product being moved.

Risks

To the General Public

- Risk of being struck by mechanical aid.
- Load may slip and cause injury.

To You (Worker)

- Same risks as general public.

To Work Colleagues

- Same risks as general public.

Other Risks

- Uneven ground may reduce load security.
- Reduced visibility for operator.

Risk Reduction Measures

For the General Public

- Use a banksman in congested areas.
- Ensure all visible aids on machinery are functional.
- Transport panels in a stillage.
- Carry load close to the ground.

For You (Worker)

- Plan the safest route.
- Use banksman if visibility is reduced.
- Transport panels banded or in a stillage.

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For Work Colleagues

- Discuss tasks and risks with team.
- Ensure everyone is aware of safety measures.

Has the Risk Been Reduced Enough?

Yes, provided all mitigation measures are followed consistently, and workers remain vigilant.

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