

Assess the Equipment for Risks

Equipment risk assessment enables the worker to:

- identify if appropriate equipment is available in quantity, capacity and quality
- consider ways to eliminate or manage equipment risks
- consider ergonomics

Any worker who performs a moving task, with the use of equipment, conducts an equipment risk assessment before, during and after performing the move. This risk assessment is an ongoing and continuous process as the equipment may change at any point in the moving task.

To conduct an equipment risk assessment, the worker considers various risk factors that may impact the safety of the moving task:

Quantity

- Accessible

Capacity

- Ability

Quality

- Function
- Maintenance

Design

- Ergonomically Correct
- Adjustable

Manufacturer's Intended Use

- Limitations

TLR Safe Work Practice - Problem-Solving Risk Factors

When identified risks cannot be eliminated or managed, consider ways to problem-solve, such as:

- selecting another safe approach at that time
- seeking assistance to problem solve the risk factors (e.g., medical professional, ergonomist, co-workers, supervisor, TLR trainer/instructor, specialized assessment)
- identifying and scheduling tasks where workers can safely work alone and those where the team approach is safest
- documenting your concerns and forwarding them to your supervisor for resolution if a solution is not readily available (consider additional training you may need)
- forwarding your concerns to the occupational health committee or occupational health and safety representative if the concerns are not resolved at the supervisory level; if in place, the TLR Core Committee could also assist

Refer to the TLR User Manual, Module 2, for more information on the TLR risk assessment process.

Safety Talk Discussion

Be Accountable: Choose safety - work safe - and go home injury free!