
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 305

**Provision and Use of Work Equipment
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999**

Part IV

Power Presses

Inspection of guards and protection devices

33.—(1) Every employer shall ensure that a power press is not used after the setting, re-setting or adjustment of its tools, save in trying out its tools or save in die proving, unless—

- (a) its every guard and protection device has been inspected and tested while in position on the power press by a person appointed in writing by the employer who is—
 - (i) competent; or
 - (ii) undergoing training for that purpose and acting under the immediate supervision of a competent person,and who has signed a certificate which complies with paragraph (3); or
- (b) the guards and protection devices have not been altered or disturbed in the course of the adjustment of its tools.

(2) Every employer shall ensure that a power press is not used after the expiration of the fourth hour of a working period unless its every guard and protection device has been inspected and tested while in position on the power press by a person appointed in writing by the employer who is—

- (a) competent; or
- (b) undergoing training for that purpose and acting under the immediate supervision of a competent person,

and who has signed a certificate which complies with paragraph (3).

(3) A certificate referred to in this regulation shall—

- (a) contain sufficient particulars to identify every guard and protection device inspected and tested and the power press on which it was positioned at the time of the inspection and test;
- (b) state the date and time of the inspection and test; and
- (c) state that every guard and protection device on the power press is in position and effective for its purpose.

(4) In this regulation “working period”, in relation to a power press, means—

- (a) the period in which the day’s or night’s work is done; or
- (b) in premises where a shift system is in operation, a shift.