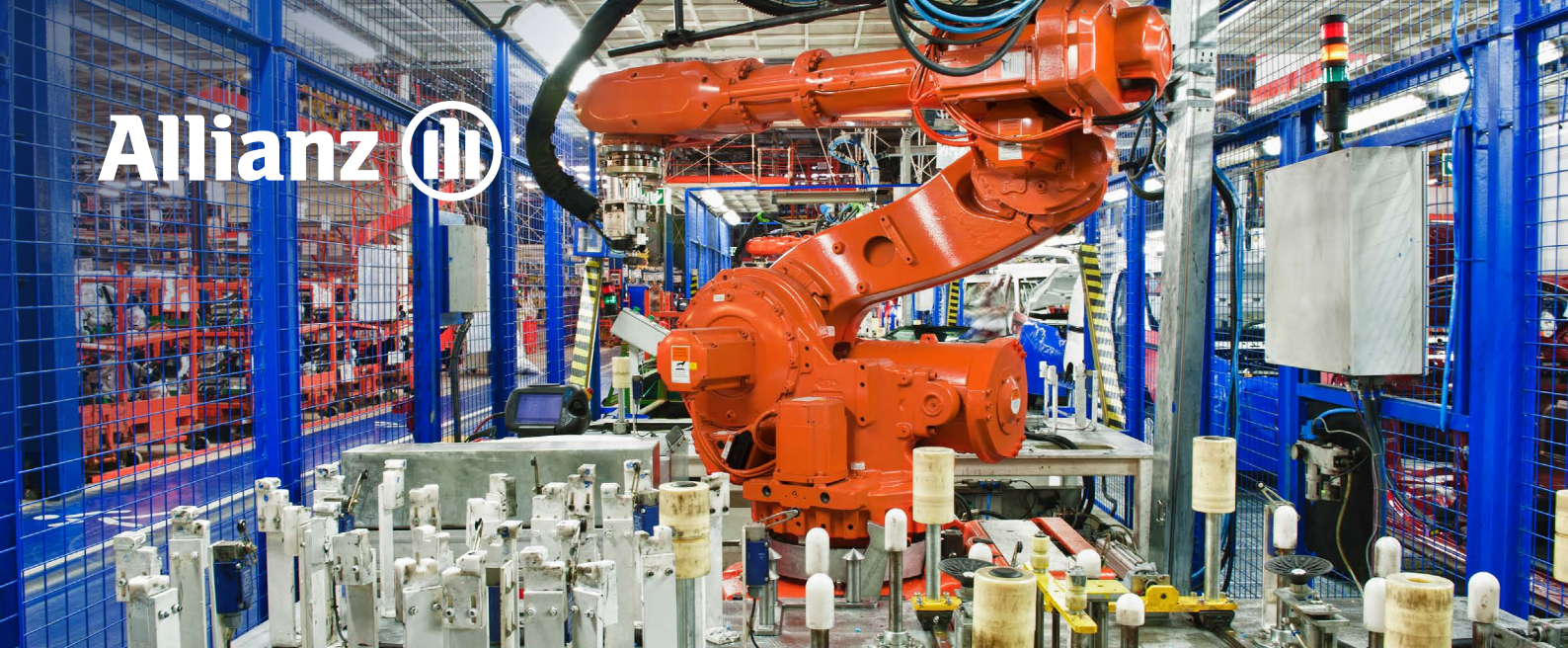




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PUWER assessments

Work equipment is used across many workplaces and, if not properly managed, can present risks to employees and others.

The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER) set out legal requirements to help make sure that equipment is suitable, safe to use and properly maintained. PUWER assessments provide a structured way to review work equipment, identify potential hazards and support compliance with relevant health and safety legislation.

What would a typical PUWER assessment focus on?

PUWER assessments mainly focus on whether work equipment is:

- **Suitable (Reg 4)** for the job and environment
- **Properly maintained and inspected (Regs 5 & 6)**

- **Specific risks** and managed and equipment is used only by **trained and authorised people (Regs 7 & 9)**

- Supported with clear **information and instructions (Reg 8)**.

And whether it has adequate safety measures, including:

- **Guarding of dangerous parts (Reg 11)**
- **Safe and reliable controls (Regs 14–18)**, including start, stop, and emergency stops
- **Stability, markings, and warnings (Regs 20, 23, 24)**.

In short: a PUWER assessment checks that equipment is **safe, suitable, well-maintained, properly controlled, and used by competent people**.

What types of equipment need a PUWER assessment?

PUWER assessments apply to a wide range of equipment, including, but not limited to:

- Machinery (such as manufacturing equipment, conveyors and balers)
- Production manufacturing systems (including robotic automated systems)
- Pressure systems (for example: autoclaves).

In general, any item of work equipment that could present a risk to employees or others should be considered for a PUWER assessment.

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When should I consider these services?

PUWER assessments may be appropriate:

- When introducing new equipment into the workplace
- Following modifications or repairs to existing equipment
- Periodically, as part of routine safety and compliance checks
- After an incident or near-miss involving equipment
- When there are changes to processes, use or the work environment.

Our services

We provide expert PUWER assessment services to support businesses in identifying and managing risks associated with work equipment.

Our experienced engineer surveyors conduct thorough inspections of equipment and systems, review relevant documentation and highlight areas where improvements may be required. Where appropriate, we provide practical recommendations to support compliance with PUWER and other relevant applicable to the equipment being assessed.

We can also offer guidance to help businesses understand their ongoing responsibilities for maintaining compliance over time.

Why choose us?

- **Expert guidance** – benefit from independent in-house engineering specialists with experience across a wide range of work equipment systems
- **Clear insights** – receive straightforward findings and practical recommendations to

help manage equipment risks and support compliance

- **Support throughout the equipment lifecycle** – from new installations and modernisation through to ongoing use.



To discuss your PUWER assessment requirements, find out more about the service, or request a quote, please contact our special services team.

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