

NTPC Health & Safety Alert

Moving Loads



Background

Recently two NTPC workers were moving some computer equipment using a Bobcat. The equipment was very heavy and weight distribution was abnormal. Ground conditions were uneven and the equipment plus pallet was too large to fit through the entrance to the building. The workers unstrapped the equipment which tipped over resulting in extensive damage.

Practical Guidance

When possible, moving heavy or expensive equipment should be performed by a knowledgeable contractor who is insured against damage or loss. This ensures that the moving job is performed with the least amount of liability to the company.

If NTPC workers will be moving equipment, ensure that there are at least three workers involved in the task, one of whom shall be a designated spotter for the load.

The move shall be planned beforehand and a tailboard completed that details all the safety hazards and elements of the move that could cause property damage. Conduct a JSA for larger manual lifting jobs.



Review *Safe Work Practice 2.11: Hoisting and Rigging* and *Safe Work Practice 1.07: Manual Lifting and Handling* before performing lifting tasks.

For more information contact your Health and Safety representative.