

# **RISK ASSESSMENT**

## **Handling Strengthening Bars**

### **Activity**

Removal, handling and replacement of trailer strengthening bars.

### **Persons at Risk**

- Employees
- Agency Drivers

### **Hazards**

#### **Manual Handling Injury**

Risk:

- Strains, sprains and musculoskeletal injuries.

Control Measures:

- Correct lifting techniques used.
- Team lift where necessary.
- Avoid twisting during lifting.

Residual Risk: Low

#### **Trapped Fingers**

Risk:

- Cuts, bruising and crush injuries.

Control Measures:

- Gloves worn.
- Hands kept clear of securing points.
- Bars handled in a controlled manner.

Residual Risk: Low

#### **Falling Bars**

Risk:

- Impact injuries.

Control Measures:

- Bars stored securely.
- Bars carried with both hands.
- Damaged bars removed from service.

Residual Risk: Low

### **Slips, Trips and Falls**

Risk:

- Injury whilst carrying bars.

Control Measures:

- Walkways kept clear.
- Drivers maintain clear visibility when carrying bars.
- Appropriate footwear worn.

Residual Risk: Low

### **PPE Required**

- Safety footwear
- Hi-visibility clothing
- Gloves

### **Further Actions**

- Driver induction and awareness training.

Residual Overall Risk: Low