

Manual Handling

Reduce lifting injuries and make handling tasks safer

WHY MANUAL HANDLING MATTERS

Understanding the risks of lifting and carrying and putting controls in place is crucial. Poorly managed manual handling remains a major cause of workplace injury. To reduce risk as far as reasonably practicable, you need to assess how tasks are carried out, the loads involved and the people affected, then apply appropriate control measures.

Manual handling assessments can be time-consuming when they rely on disconnected forms and spreadsheets. It becomes difficult to keep track of what has been assessed, how risks were rated and whether actions have been completed.

The Manual Handling module brings this into one structured process, helping you create clear assessments, calculate risk automatically and track improvements over time.

KEY FUNCTIONS

Guide assessors through structured questions sets

Use step-by-step question sets that generate Low, Medium or High risk categories, colour-coded for ease of viewing. This gives a consistent picture of risk for each task or activity and makes key issues stand out immediately.

Calculate overall risk automatically

Apply the built-in, configurable risk matrix to calculate overall risk ratings for each assessment. This saves time and ensures that risk scoring is aligned with your organisation's policies and tolerances.

Assign and track actions

Create targeted actions directly within the assessment, assign them to responsible people and track progress. Review outcomes in the assessment report so you can demonstrate how risks are being reduced.

Control what people see

Hide sections or set privacy levels where necessary, so only important or relevant information is visible to each audience. Maintain historical editions of assessments to track changes and review progress at each review point.

Access management information

Use dashboards and reporting to view assessments, risk levels and action status, helping you prioritise where to focus your manual handling risk reduction efforts. Automatic reminders help ensure reviews are completed on time.

PROACTIVELY MANAGE MANUAL HANDLING

AssessNET gives you a central, digital home for your manual handling risk assessments, actions and history. Configurable templates, dashboards and reminders help you manage assessments more efficiently, while version control and integrated actions support ISO 45001 and HSG65 aligned safety management.