

# AMBRIS SPECIAL INFORMATION BULLETIN

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#### Inspection and maintenance of vehicle hoists

Prior to the introduction of the Work Health and Safety Act 2012 introduced 1 January 2013, it was a requirement under previous OH&S legislation that vehicle hoists were required to be inspected and certified annually by a Registered Plant Inspector (RPI) and "item registered" with Workplace Standards Tasmania (WST). From this it was a requirement under the Approved Inspection Station (AIS) scheme to site current certificates completed by an RPI as part of scheduled AIS audits.

With the introduction of the new legislation there is no longer a requirement for item registration of hoists and no mention of the need for hoists to be inspected by a RPI. The legislation specifies that this to be conducted by a competent person as defined in the legislation.

A person who maintains or inspects hoists is not expected to be an expert in every aspect of the hoist. However they should be able to identify the scope of their expertise and advice relevant persons if further expertise is necessary for a particular job to be carried out properly e.g. hydraulic and pneumatic components, cables etc requiring specialist attention.

To assist in deciding who is a competent person the following is attached:

- Competent persons for inspection and maintenance of plant, Guidance Note 040

#### What will happen now?

AIS Audit officers will no longer request to site a certificate from an RPI, they will request to see evidence that the hoist has been inspected annually by a competent person. This can be either:

- A daily pre-operational hoist inspection checklist, or
- Annual report on the condition of the hoist, or as determined by the hoist manufacturer.

#### Questions

Further questions regarding competent persons should be directed to WST on 1300 362 322