



... workplace equipment inspections

# DON'T LET YOUR BUSINESS BECOME A STATISTIC

Annual storage equipment inspections  
are a **legal requirement**.



**Stay safe. Trust the experts.**

# Your legal responsibilities

If your business utilises storage equipment, then you have a legal obligation to have it independently inspected every year, by an approved inspector. The law applies to all storage systems including **pallet racking**, **cantilever racking**, **shelving** and **mezzanine floors**.



## RED RISK

Damaged Brace



## AMBER RISK

Missing Locking Pin

Though a regular programme of in-house inspection is recommended as best practice, **it is not enough to comply with HSE legislation.\***



## AMBER RISK

Damaged Beam





# Who are SEMA?



**SEMA** (Storage Equipment Manufacturers Association) are the British Trade Association of the storage equipment industry that represent the warehouse and storage sector. They are an organisation committed to promoting and extending the **safe design, installation and inspection** of all forms of **industrial storage systems**.

## SEMA Traffic Light System

To identify damage, SEMA work on a traffic light system; a simple way to categorise damage in order of severity. Here are the key points:

**RED** – A risk that requires immediate offloading due to the severity of the damage. Repairs must be made using OEM components in line with SEMA's Code of Practice.

**AMBER** – A risk that requires action within a four week period with no additional load placed in the damage area.

**GREEN** – A risk where defined damage limits are not exceeded as per the SEMA Code of Practice and requires surveillance.



**RED RISK**  
Damaged Shelf



**AMBER RISK**  
Bent Cantilever Arm



**GREEN RISK**  
Damage to Cantilever Base

# Expert Inspections

In addition to regular in-house inspections by your nominated PRRS (person responsible racking safety) you must also appoint an approved inspector to carry out an expert independent inspection **every 12 months**.



## 517

fines issued to  
businesses in  
2017/18\*



**19 fines**  
**topped £1m in**  
**2018** compared to  
**just 2 fines in 2015\***



## Why use a SEMA inspector?

A SEMA Approved Inspector holds the storage equipment industry's leading and most recognised qualification. By using a SEMA inspector, you guarantee a level of expertise that complies with HSE requirements and is subject to continuous professional development.

SEMA inspectors are **fully qualified** to provide an in-depth assessment of your storage equipment and will also provide you with a detailed, independent report, that offers a true representation of any remedial work that may be required.

SEMA inspectors can also give advice on issues such as **loadings, damage identification** and **prevention**, as well as briefing businesses on the latest developments in best practice.

**At Teepee, all of our inspectors are trained to SARI standards and are fully insured.**

Whilst many companies may have a SEMA trained employee who has attended an awareness course, this **does not** provide the qualifications necessary to carry out an expert inspection and **does not** meet HSE requirements.

## What is included in a Teepee Inspection?

### Our comprehensive inspections include:

- ✓ Liaison with your PRRS to establish any immediate issues
- ✓ A thorough examination of your storage equipment
- ✓ Debrief with supervisor/departmental manager
- ✓ A detailed written report including photographs
- ✓ Inspection certificate which is valid for 12 months
- ✓ Automatic reminder for next year's inspection
- ✓ Inspection support for your PRRS throughout the following year





The HSE annual report  
2018/19 shows that

**147**

workers were killed from  
a work place accident  
over a 12 month  
period.\*

## Cost effective and convenient repairs

Many clients find that it saves time and expense to have one supplier take care of their inspection and repairs. Our convenient, **fully insured, repair service uses only genuine components** that are fitted by our qualified SEIRS installers.

Manufacturers offer SEMA accredited suppliers favourable rates over non-accredited companies, meaning that our service is not only quality assured but, also cost effective. **Ask us for a quote!**

\* Source: HSE Data 2017/18





# Safety first....

Teepee are committed to helping workplaces become as safe as possible and there are many steps you can take to help reduce the risk of an accident. Our qualified team are on hand to determine where improvements to safety can be made through careful implementation of protective accessories.

**We offer supply-only or supply and fit solutions for:**

- ✓ End-of-aisle barriers
- ✓ Upright protectors
- ✓ Pedestrian barriers
- ✓ Timber and mesh decking
- ✓ Pedestrian safety guarding
- ✓ Load notice signs

Pedestrian safety guarding



Upright protectors



End-of-aisle barriers / mesh decking



Pedestrian barriers





... workplace equipment inspections

As an employer, you have a  
duty of care to maintain your  
storage equipment.



Teepee Materials Handling Ltd

Unit 8, Railwharf Sidings, Northfield Road, Dudley,  
West Midlands, United Kingdom, DY2 9DY

T: 01384 256969 | F: 01384 240405 | E: [sales@teepee.co.uk](mailto:sales@teepee.co.uk)

**Get it inspected. Get it repaired.**