

Manual handling



Common causes of injury

- Handling baggage and cargo
- Pushing, pulling and moving ground service equipment, such as passenger steps and baggage dollies
- Stooping and crouching when moving chocks, cones and tow bars

Consequences

- Substantial costs to an employer through lost time, sickness absence, retraining and overtime cover
- Injured person may struggle to perform their job correctly and there may be an impact on their lifestyle and future prospects

Suggested controls

- Avoid manual handling activities, where reasonably practicable
- Use mechanical assistance, where available
- Provide manual handling training
- Provide suitable personal protective equipment (as a last resort)



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