

# Health and Safety Bulletin

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**To:** Relevant Heads of Department/Section, Executive Deans, HSLOs and DHSOs, Faculty Managers: EMS, Science and Health, East 15, UECS, Students Union.

For Information

## Revised HSE Approved Codes of Practice

The HSE has revised several of its approved codes of practice to bring them up to date with regulatory and other changes. The guidance has also been simplified to make their understanding and use easier.

### [Safe use of lifting equipment \(L113\)](#)

LOLER applies to lifting equipment and builds on the requirements of the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER). This edition:

- clarifies which equipment is subject to the provisions of the regulations and the role of the competent person;
- has expanded context and examples to show that LOLER applies across every sector using lifting equipment; and
- includes examples which show the impact on the health and social care sector.
- a simple decision tree has been included which provides the main elements that must apply to a piece of equipment for it to be subject to LOLER.

### [Safety of pressure systems \(L122\)](#)

The main changes to this publication are as follows:

- the decision tree on whether PSSR applies has been moved to the front of the book and explanatory notes have been added to it, to help readers decide if PSSR applies to them or not;
- a new Appendix has been added to provide clarity on how to apply PSSR in a proportionate manner to small pressure vessels in schools; and
- the section on the legal background to PSSR and related legislation has been removed as it was out of date.

### [Safe work in confined spaces \(L101\)](#)

Changes in this edition include:

- expansion of the guidance on the definition of a 'confined space';
- inclusion of a flowchart to help in the decision-making process;
- additional examples of confined spaces to clarify new workplace risks, e.g. specifically created hypoxic environments, fire suppression systems etc.;
- those required to accommodate legislative or guidance changes, eg the smoking ban, changes to the testing procedures for lifting equipment and breathing apparatus; and
- amendments to the provisions relating to the need to check, examine and test equipment (monitors, personal protective equipment (PPE), respiratory protective equipment (RPE)) to clarify the requirements of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) and the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER)