



The SEMA Distributor Group

**Will cutting corners
on rack safety cost
you **£much more** in
the long run?**

Rigorous risk management of your storage equipment



Did you know?

If you have storage equipment within your premises you are legally obliged to ensure that it meets all health and safety standards and that it receives regular safety inspections by a competent person.

The health and safety legislative environment has never been more onerous. Storage Equipment is no exception.

The responsibility for storing hundreds of tonnes of pallets above working colleagues' heads is a serious one. A racking, mezzanine or shelving collapse is a dramatic event, and can result in death, injury, temporary closure of the business and a thorough, costly and time consuming HSE investigation, leaving company's finances and Director's personal liabilities exposed. Yet still many UK companies don't seem recognise these risks when it comes to racking safety.

18 fines topped
£1,000,000
last year, compared
with just two in
2015



Fines for corporate manslaughter
can be as high as
£20,000,000



Number crunching

New, tougher Health & Safety Legislation has led to a sharp increase in fines paid by UK firms.



292
fines issued in 2016



148%
increase since 2015

Would you expect someone to carry out a task they hadn't been trained and audited to do?

There are hundreds of designers, manufacturers, suppliers and installers of storage equipment in the UK, ranging from sole traders through to multi-million pound corporations, many of whom are not currently regulated or audited.

To become part of the SDG a company must demonstrate a high level of commitment to safety standards, work to industry codes of practice and be regulated by an external audit which measures 31 areas of quality. This ensures excellence in process, design compliance and delivering projects with the highest H&S standards. Passing this audit is a pre-requisite for membership of the SDG.

Can your current supplier prove their competence?

The SDG currently adhere to over

40

regulations, industry standards, codes of practice and legislative requirements



The SDG audit measures

31

areas of quality to ensure members meet the required standards



SEMA has developed over

75

definitive publications by drawing on the expertise of its dedicated members



£61,000,000
paid out in 2015



In 2015 the average fine rose from

£69,500 to
£211,500



Employers lost an estimated

30.4 million

working days to occupational ill health or injury

The SDG is...

- The only scheme in the UK that assesses the quality of resellers of storage equipment
- A professional organisation with a rigorous, totally independent external audit process
- Led by a select committee who continuously monitor and build on ethics and ethos to improve safety standards
- Any member that doesn't maintain expectations is asked to leave



Our members are...

- A network of over 30 members across the UK championing safety and best practice
- Able to provide independent validation of fully audited procedures using fully qualified and certified staff
- Able to access the best equipment, working with the best suppliers
- Passionate about providing full aftercare, inspection and maintenance service
- Trusted partners providing **£invaluable** advice on storage safety



Can you **£afford** to work with anyone else?

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