# Managing Farm Safety | Shearing Shed | Hazard Checklist

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**ALL ITEMS NEEDING ATTENTION MUST BE ACTIONED**

| **Hazards** | **OK** | **Needs Attention** | **Action/Notes** |
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| **Shearing Sheds** | | | |
| All access, stairs and steps, entry and exit to / from work areas are free from obstructions and safe for use |  |  |  |
| All stairs, handrails and loading ramps are in good condition |  |  |  |
| All step treads, rises and goings are uniform and meet the Australian Standard AS 1657 - 2013 *Fixed platforms, walkways, stairways and ladders— design, construction and installation* |  |  |  |
| There is good lighting in the shed i.e. that illuminate: |  |  |  |
| * Catching pens |  |  |  |
| * Shearing board/ stands |  |  |  |
| * Wool table |  |  |  |
| * Wool press |  |  |  |
| * Experts area |  |  |  |
| The shed has good ventilation and draught control, (e.g. side flaps for use in hot conditions and to limit cold winds blowing into the shed) |  |  |  |
| Is the overall noise level in the shed during shearing a risk? (If you have to shout to be heard above the noise, it is too loud). |  |  |  |
| Where noise is assessed as a hazard, have steps been taken to reduce noise |  |  |  |
| * Plant engines/ motors |  |  |  |
| * Overhead gear |  |  |  |
| * Wool press |  |  |  |
| * Grinders |  |  |  |
| * Radios, CD and stereos |  |  |  |
| There is a Residual Current Device (RCD) / safety switch fitted to all electrical power boards |  |  |  |
| All electrical wiring, power cords and plugs are not damaged |  |  |  |
| **Wool Room** | | | |
| The shearing board, wool table, bins and press are well located in relation to each other to reduce manual handling |  |  |  |
| All floor boards in the wool room in sound condition with no uneven, broken, splintered boards or protruding nails |  |  |  |
| Moving parts on the wool table well oiled and in good working order |  |  |  |
| The wool table at a good height for skirting |  |  |  |
| The wool bins are free of protrusions and sharp objects |  |  |  |
| There are trolleys available for moving, stacking and loading wool bales |  |  |  |
| An appropriate fire extinguisher is available and mounted in the shearing shed |  |  |  |
| **Grinders** |  |  |  |
| All grinders are guarded to prevent injury |  |  |  |
| Grinders are located in a no-traffic area of the shed and securely anchored in position |  |  |  |
| Eye and hearing protection available for use when grinding |  |  |  |
| **Shed Hygiene** |  |  |  |
| The shed is clean and tidy with table and floors washed to maintain good hygiene |  |  |  |
| Clean water is available for drinking and washing hands |  |  |  |
| A separate wash basin is available for washing combs and cutters to that used for washing hands |  |  |  |
| Chemicals are stored away from wool preparation and dining areas |  |  |  |
| Yards and sheds regularly cleared of fly struck wool and / or carcasses |  |  |  |
| Soap is available for washing hands |  |  |  |
| All toilets are clean and supplied with toilet paper and disinfectant |  |  |  |
| There is a designated eating / meal area with suitable seating available |  |  |  |
| **Catching Pens** |  |  |  |
| The drag from the catching pen to the shearing stand is as short and direct as possible without obstructions |  |  |  |
| Floor battens in the catching pens orientated in the direction of drag and / or sloped towards the stand |  |  |  |
| All floor boards are in a sound condition with no uneven, broken, splintered boards or protruding nails |  |  |  |
| All pens designed for ease of catching by shearers |  |  |  |
| All gates on pens free from protruding nails and rough edges |  |  |  |
| All gates on pens high enough that they do not contact the shearer in the lower back when dragging sheep to the stand |  |  |  |
| All pen gates swing easily on their hinges |  |  |  |
| Droppings fall through slats, preventing a build up and minimizing slip hazards |  |  |  |
| **Shearing Plant** |  |  |  |
| Overhead gear guarded or high enough to prevent contact by workers |  |  |  |
| Safety clutches are working in good condition |  |  |  |
| All on / off ropes disengage on the first pull of the cord |  |  |  |
| The operation of each drive has been checked and they are all in good working order |  |  |  |
| For overhead shaft driven plant, an emergency stop mechanism is easily located |  |  |  |
| All bearings on plant have been oiled and greased |  |  |  |
| Excessive vibration or noise in the down tube, elbow joints or short gut has been fixed |  |  |  |
| All pin drives have been replaced with worm drives |  |  |  |
| Exhaust fumes from the shearing plant motor are not vented into the shearing shed |  |  |  |
| **Shearing Board** |  |  |  |
| All shearing boards in sound and dry condition with no uneven, broken, splintered boards or protruding nails |  |  |  |
| There is sufficient work space between stands to handle large sheep |  |  |  |
| If using a raised shearing board, is there enough space between the shearing position and the edge of the board |  |  |  |
| The drag from the catching pen to the stand is straight, minimizing the amount of twisting to place sheep in the shearing position |  |  |  |
| Let-go areas large enough for large framed sheep |  |  |  |
| There are no barriers which cause sheep to resist exit through the let-go area |  |  |  |
| If using let-go chutes are they extended onto the board? |  |  |  |
| There is a proper and secure mounting for shearers’ back harnesses |  |  |  |
| Stands and drags from a catching pen have been modified to better suit left handed shearers |  |  |  |
| **Wool Press** | | | |
| The wool press is guarded to prevent arms and hands being crushed |  |  |  |
| There is an Emergency Stop button fitted near and in easy reach by the press operator |  |  |  |
| All guards and safety signs are in place |  |  |  |
| Where fitted, pressure sensing devices such as safety trip bars and interlocking devices, are tested to ensure they are working correctly |  |  |  |
| The Emergency Stop button is regularly inspected and checked to ensure it operates properly |  |  |  |
| The hydraulic motor, control unit and hoses have been checked and any leakages or other faults repaired |  |  |  |
| The platen is securely attached to the hydraulic ram |  |  |  |
| The automatic pinning device (where fitted), is operating in accordance with the manufacturers specifications |  |  |  |
| **Loading Ramps/ Stage** |  |  |  |
| There is a handrail to prevent falls when the loading ramp door is open |  |  |  |
| **First Aid** |  |  |  |
| There is a suitable First Aid kit in the shearing shed |  |  |  |
| There is a person trained and available during shearing / crutching who can provide emergency First Aid |  |  |  |
| **Additional Hazards** |  |  |  |
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