

## HOOF TRIMMING

### Task Description:

Lameness, which is a common problem in dairy cows, can often be treated quickly on the farm by examining the cow's lower legs and cutting away any infection in the hoof.

### Comments of the employee:

- ❑ *'Restraining a cow is always a problem. Accessing the feet to inspect and treat is difficult in a normal crush where the cow remains upright.'*
- ❑ *'After the cow is held in the rotating crush the work can be carried out more comfortably at between waist and shoulder level. It is safer too.'*

### MSD risks:

- ❑ Stooping and working in an awkward posture at ground / floor level
- ❑ Risk of being kicked

### Exposed areas:

- ❑ Hands / Wrists
- ❑ Arms / Shoulders
- ❑ Legs / Back

### Solutions:

- ❑ Installation of a crush that can rotate while holding a cow securely (and comfortably)



*Cattle crush in 'normal' position*



*Cattle crush with held for treatment*

### Comments

- ❑ This crush was made on the farm but proprietary products are available.