



Toolbox Talk

Topic: Suspended Loads

When working with loads suspended by way of a crane, hoist, or come-along, take the following steps to avoid injury:

Designate areas for suspended load operations

- Keep others aware by roping off or using caution tape under the suspended load.
- Only allow employees involved with the lift to access the hoist area.
- Communicate to other crews before hoisting for the day.

Practice caution

- ALWAYS stay out from under suspended loads.
- Use an air horn to signal to others a load is being lifted.
- Ensure load guidelines are long enough to allow the handler to stay out from under the load.
- Be aware of equipment blind spots.
- Never stand under or walk under a suspended load.
- Do not leave loads suspended for extended periods of time.
- Only lift loads as high as needed to move/place it.

Secure Equipment Properly

- Keep manufacture's load recommendations readily available.
- Inspect chains, cables, hooks and slings to ensure they are properly sized.
- Make sure the lifting device is adequate for the load.
- Only qualified riggers can assemble crane loads.
- Loose pieces or material must be secured to prevent displacement.



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