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## **SAFE WORK PRACTICE**

TITLE	Hoisting & Rigging
GENERAL	Protecting workers working with hoists and slings
APPLICATION	Working with loads
PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS	Steel Toed Boots Hard Hat Eye protection 2-Way Radio Hand protection Hi-Vis Vest
SELECTION AND USE	As per job requirements
SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY	To provide proper instructions and specific job training Hold toolbox meeting with all personnel involved
WORKER RESPONSIBILITY	<ul> <li>Safety Do's:</li> <li>Determine the weight of the load and use the appropriate sling or hoist.</li> <li>Determine the proper size for slings and components.</li> <li>Determine the centre of gravity and balance for the load before moving load.</li> <li>Use a tag line. Ensure it is long enough for the task.</li> <li>Warn workers of approaching load and ensure they are clear of the load area.</li> <li>Use one (1) competent signal person.</li> <li>Initially lift the load only a few inches to test the rigging and balance.</li> <li>Loads should be well secured.</li> <li>Slings are to be adequate for the task.</li> <li>Slings should be un-kinked, free of tears or fraying, load balanced and secured.</li> <li>Hoist line must be vertical prior to the lift (remove slack in the hoist slowly).</li> <li>Chains are to be no less than 80 Grade.</li> <li>The hoisting equipment operator is to be in a level position for each move &amp; set up.</li> <li>Take up slack carefully – ensure load is balanced and load holding action is secure before continuing.</li> <li>Shut down a hoist that malfunctions or performs unusually and report.</li> <li>Use hook latches. Latches are to retain slings, chains, etc. under slack conditions only.</li> <li>Ensure the hook latches are closed and not supporting any parts of</li> </ul>

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the load.

- Ensure the load is free to move and will clear all obstructions.
- Avoid swinging the load or the hook.
- Be aware of the wind/weather conditions and the effects.
- Inspect hoists regularly, replace damaged or worn parts, and keep appropriate records.
- Use the hoist manufacturer's recommended parts when repairing the unit.

## Safety Don'ts:

- Do not guess the weight of a load.
- Do not use slings, eyebolts, shackles or hooks that have been cut, welded or brazed.
- Do not make sudden movement or stops.
- Do not move loose items on load.
- Do not operate a damaged, malfunctioning or unusually performing hoist.
- Do not operate a hoist which has been modified without the manufacturer's approval or certification.
- Do not operate a hoist until you have read and understand the manufacturer's Operating and Maintenance Instructions or Manuals.
- Do not attempt to lengthen the wire rope or chain.
- Do not allow the load to be uncontrolled.

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