

Operation of Overhead Crane

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Possible Hazards Present		Personal Protection		Additional Training	
	Requi		red		
- Pinching		 CSA Footwear 		-	PPE
- Crush		 CSA Safe 	ety Glasses		
		 Hard Hat 	-		

- 1. Before operating a crane the operator must ensure the crane test and maintenance certificates and records are current.
- 2. Fill in Overhead Crane logbook. The overhead crane logbook is to be completed by the operator to detail any faults or issues with the crane and record their use.
- 3. Pre-operational checks are carried out and include; crane is free of visual defects, controls are in good condition, operation with legible markings; ropes (not damaged), hooks (in good condition), runways (clear of obstacles), safety switches and interlocks are operational, warning signs are in good condition, lifting gear is in current certification and showing no signs of damage. If any lifting gear is out of certification or showing signs of damage, the lifting gear must be withdrawn from service.

Defective lifting gear shall be tagged in accordance with the corporate procedure.

- 4. Check all brakes, stops and motion limits before lifting load.
- 5. No person shall operate or allow the operation of a crane that is faulty. Defective overhead cranes shall be tagged and isolated in accordance with the corporate procedure.
- 6. Report any crane or lifting gear defects to the coordinator.
- 7. Place all signage and or barricading before commencing lift.
- 8. Recheck brakes after lifting load just clear of ground or landing to ensure no slipping.
- 9. Make sure people are clear of the load.
- 10. Warn people of approaching load.
- 11. When lifting take up the slack gently and lift load vertically.
- 12. Lift the load using the centre of the hook where it has been designed to take the weight.
- 13. To correct any swing, travel in direction of swing and stop slowly.
- 14. Ensure hook or load is sufficiently raised to clear all objects in the area.
- 15. Never leave a suspended load unattended.
- 16. Do not allow any person to stand under a suspended load.
- 17. Never place the hook block on the ground or on the load.
- 18. Acceleration and braking motions should be applied gently to minimize load swing.



- 19. Call for assistance if you do not have a clear view of the load and work area.
- 20. Approach all end stops gently.
- 21. When leaving crane unattended or at completion of job;
- (i) place controllers to neutral position.
- (ii) fill in logbook.

Documentation/Legislation

Workplace Safety and Health Regulation, M.R. 217/2006

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This Safe Work Procedure will be reviewed anytime the task, equipment or materials change and at a minimum every three years.