



Rigging

Rigging is a serious operation. Many workers in industry have lost fingers, hands, or suffered more serious injuries. We don't want any one injured while rigging on the job.

SOME DO'S AND DON'TS:

GET YOUR SIGNALS STRAIGHT

Appoint one member of the crew to act as signalman, and instruct the crane operator not to accept signals from anyone else. The signalman must not order a move until getting an "all ready" from each crew member. Each worker in turn must be in the clear before giving an "all ready" to the signal-man. If you must hold on to a chain, sling, choker, or whatever to maintain tension, be sure your hands and feet are out of the way of pinch points before giving an "all ready" signal.

PROTECT YOUR HANDS

Be sure your hands are clear of pinch points. Keep your hands far enough away from the load so they can't be pulled into pinch points unexpectedly by entanglement, frayed wire or chain splinters catching your glove.

WATCH OUT FOR ROCK AND ROLL

A load may swing or roll upon lifting. Anticipate the direction of the swing or roll and work away from it. Never place yourself between material, equipment or other stationary objects and the load.

Stay away from stacked material that may be knocked over by a swinging load.

STAY OUT FROM UNDER

Never get under a suspended load, and keep out from under the crane's boom too. The chances are that nothing will break. But are you willing to bet life and limb that it won't?

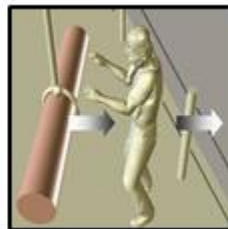


SET IT DOWN CAREFULLY

When it's necessary to guide a load, use a tag line or hook. If you have to walk with a load, keep it as close to the ground as possible. Look over the spot where the load is to be landed and remove unnecessary objects that might create hazards when the load lowers. When lowering or setting a load, keep your feet and all other parts of your body out from under the load. Set the load down easily and slowly.

TEAMWORK'S THE SECRET OF SAFETY

Teamwork is important on any job to prevent injury to yourself or others. But on a rigging job, this goes double.



Remember: "No task is so important that it be done at the risk of Safety."