



Weekly Safety Meetings

Safety Training for the Construction Industry

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Crane Safety

Cranes are used on many construction projects. They make it possible for us to lift goods and materials to high, out-of-reach places. We depend on cranes to hang structural iron, to move tons of rebar, to stack exhaust components, and to place concrete and roofing materials. Deliveries are unloaded using cranes. The truth is, we would be less productive and safety would be compromised if these lifting machines were not available.

In addition to the advantages they provide, cranes also present many potential safety hazards. A crane operator is responsible for operating the crane in a safe manner. He is the one at the controls and is the one who makes the final decision about whether a lift will take place. There are several things a crane operator must keep in mind:

- Read the operator's manual and follow the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Inspect the crane daily and keep up with preventive maintenance.
- Establish a lift plan before you use a crane.
- Do not allow yourself to become distracted in any way while you're at the controls.

- Use the crane's outriggers at all times.
- Do not allow loads to pass over workers or endanger their safety.
- Never allow anyone to ride the load or hook.
- Barricade the swing radius of the crane.
- Use a tag line to guide and control the load.
- Never tamper with safety devices.
- Always look up to check for overhead power lines before you move the crane.
- Maintain the required distance when working around power lines.
- Assume that every power line is hot.
- Always keep a fire extinguisher in the operator's cab.
- Secure the crane at the end of your shift.

If you are making a decision about a lift, err on the side of safety.

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SAFETY REMINDER
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There's only one way to operate a crane—safely.

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SPECIAL TOPICS /EMPLOYEE SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS/NOTES:

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