

Toolbox Talk

41. Lifting Equipment



What?

- Lifting equipment includes any equipment used at work for lifting or lowering loads, including attachments used for anchoring, fixing or supporting it. All lifting equipment should be strong and stable enough for the particular use and marked to indicate its safe working load (SWL)



Why?

- Failure of lifting equipment or lifting system can be quite sudden and because of the loads involved usually result in serious or fatal injuries
- This is why lifting operations should be carefully planned, supervised and carried out in a safe manner by people who are competent

Do



- ✓ Check all equipment before use
- ✓ Make sure it is in a safe condition
- ✓ Check the safe working load
- ✓ Make sure SWL is not exceeded
- ✓ Estimate the centre of gravity and lift the load accordingly
- ✓ Wear a helmet and suitable footwear
- ✓ Take care of lifting equipment and store it properly after use
- ✓ Make sure you are trained to use lifting equipment properly
- ✓ When lowering, support the load to avoid crushing the sling

Don't



- ✗ Use lifting equipment if you are not trained
- ✗ Use damaged equipment
- ✗ Go under suspended loads
- ✗ Lift if you are not sure of the SWL and weight of the load
- ✗ Release the lifting equipment until the load is secure and stable



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