

Toolbox talk - Lift Operation Safety Reminders for Riggers

As the operator prepares to lift the load, conduct some pre-lift planning. Go over the following list of reminders. If you have any questions about any part of the lift operation, check with your supervisor before you get started.

- Think about where to place your hands so that when the sling starts to tighten around the load your hands won't be caught between materials or between the sling and the material.
- Watch carefully when the lift begins in case the load starts to swing.
- Be sure to stay out from under the load when it is being lifted and moved.
- Use as many tag lines as necessary to control the load.
- If you are the designated signal person, signal the operator to deliver the load slowly. (Signal persons must become "Qualified Signal Persons" before they can start to signal. For information about "Qualified Signal Persons," see Toolbox Talk #23 in this publication).
- Guide the load onto the blocking so that it will not be dislodged when the tension comes out of the sling or slings.
- Watch the placement of your feet as you receive the load.
- Give the stop signal immediately if something does not appear to be safe.