

Toolbox talk - Qualified Riggers

As of November 8, 2010 riggers involved in the assembly or disassembly of a crane or derrick or working in what OSHA describes as the “fall zone” have to be “Qualified Riggers.”

- A Qualified Rigger is a rigger who has a recognized degree, certificate or professional standing, or extensive knowledge, training and experience, and can successfully demonstrate the ability to solve/resolve problems related to applicable rigging applications.
- A fall zone is any area (including, but not limited to, the area directly beneath the load) where partially or completely suspended materials could fall in the event of an accident.
- If you received rigger training from your local union, including during your apprenticeship training, request copies of the training documentation from the union and provide a copy to your supervisor.
- If you received rigger training from any other source, obtain copies of the training documentation and provide a copy of each to your supervisor.
- Be sure to familiarize yourself with the rigging safety requirements established by OSHA in its standard on *Cranes and Derricks in Construction*.
- Before participating in the assembly or disassembly of any crane or derrick and/or before performing work in a fall zone, be sure that your employer has evaluated your rigging knowledge and skills and considers you to be a Qualified Rigger.