

Toolbox talk - Qualified Signal Persons

As of November 8, 2010 OSHA requires that workers who are signaling crane and/or derrick operators (signal persons) must be “Qualified Signal Persons” when, during lift operations, the point of view is not in full view of the operator, the view in the direction of travel is obstructed during equipment travel, and/or site-specific safety concerns are an issue because the operator or the person handling the load determines that a signal person is needed.

- A Qualified Signal Person is a worker who has received documentation from a Qualified Evaluator indicating that he has met all the signal person qualification requirements established by OSHA, including general signal requirements and the requirements covering radio, telephone or other electronic transmission signals, voice signals and hand signals.
- If you received signal person 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 signal person training from any other source, obtain copies of the training documentation and provide them to your supervisor.
- Be sure to familiarize yourself with the signal person safety requirements established by OSHA in its standard on *Cranes and Derricks in Construction*.
- Before participating as a signal person in any crane or derrick lift operation, make sure that you have received documentation from a Qualified Evaluator stating that you are a Qualified Signal Person.