

## SAFETY TOOL BOX MEETING

### NO. 30 – CHAINS

1. Select the right chain for the job. If in doubt - ask.
2. Check all chains before using. Report immediately any chain with deformed, corroded, cracked or cut links and do not use it.
3. Make sure that the chain is marked with its safe working load and that a competent person has tested it within the last 6 months.
4. Make sure that the chain is not kinked or twisted.
5. Immediately after use, return chains to store where they should be properly racked
6. Use packing for chain slings when lifting anything with sharp edges

### DO NOT:-

7. Hammer a chain down on to a load.
8. Shorten a chain by knotting it.
9. Lengthen a chain by joining pieces together.
10. Lubricate chain slings, nor hoist chains if the lubricant is liable to pickup sand or grit.
11. Drop chains on hard surfaces.
12. Leave chains where they can be run over or otherwise be ill treated.
13. Expose chains to acids or other corrosive substances.
14. Never use chains for towing or pulling. If towing or pulling are required, and then use the proper towing appliances, i.e. rope, bar etc.

**REMEMBER - A CHAIN IS ONLY AS STRONG AS ITS WEAKEST LINK**

I have given the above talk to all men under my control.

Signed:

Company  
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