

SAFETY TOOL BOX MEETING

NO. 34 - BANKSMEN/SLINGERS

1. All banks men/slingers must be trained and authorized. Copies of certificates must be given to Al Khodari.
2. Check all lifting gear daily and examine all wire ropes at frequent intervals for kinks, frays and projecting needles
3. No lifting gear must be used unless its safe working load is marked. The combined weight of load to be lifted and lifting gear must never exceed the safe working load of the crane. Ensure that a competent person has tested all the lifting gear you are using in the last 6 months.
4. Use only slings and lifting gear provided by your employer. Never use improvised slings or a single leg of a multiple leg sling.
5. Loads should be landed on to suitable bearers to avoid damage to lifting gear and to facilitate its removal.
6. Never tie knots in chains to shorten them - get shorter slings.
7. Make sure the right pin is used in all shackles and that the pin is properly screwed home.
8. All hooks must either be an approved "C" type or fitted with an effective safety catch to prevent displacement of the lifting gear
9. Protect wire ropes and slings with soft wood or other suitable packing from the sharp edges of the load
10. Always see that the crane hook is centrally placed over the load to prevent swinging when the load is being raised
11. Take your hands away from chains and ropes before the crane takes the load and stand clear.
12. When signaling, stand in a safe position where you can see the load clearly and where the operator can see you. Whenever possible face the operator.
13. Ensure that the load is lifted off the ground to see that it is free and correctly slung before hoisting.
14. Wear a safety helmet and high visibility clothing. (orange or a color different from the rest of the workforce and agreed with the site team)

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15. Make your signals clearly and distinctly and always use the approved Code of Signals.
16. When the crane is operating, do not leave the area unless you have been relieved by a trained deputy
17. When the crane is travelling, ensure that you signal to the operator to warn him of obstructions on the route or awkward corners
18. Riding on loads is strictly prohibited.
19. Back sling hooks when no load is carried.
20. Do not allow lifting gear to be used for other purposes, e.g. towing.
21. When not in use, store your gear tidily off the ground.
22. Keep all persons not involved in the lifting operations away from the immediate vicinity particularly children and the general public.
23. When banking a vehicle or load, do not undertake any other operation that distracts you from control of the vehicle/load you are in control of.

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