

Toolbox talk - Lift Time Details for Safety (Part 1)

Immediately prior to a load being lifted by a crane or derrick, several specific details require your attention, including testing the load and attaching the taglines.

- Be sure you are wearing your hardhat, gloves, safety glasses and protected toe boots or shoes.
- Make sure that the sling stays in the correct position as it tightens around the load.
- Look for potential sling and hardware failures as the sling tightens.
- Whenever possible, ensure that the load is raised directly above its center of gravity so that the load will not swing.
- Be aware of pinch points as the sling is tightening and keep your hands and body clear of them.
- Position your body so that you will not be trapped or crushed if the load shifts after it leaves the ground.
- Use taglines to keep the load from rotating and swinging out of control.
- Use as many taglines and properly trained tagline operators as necessary to safely control the load.
- Make sure that all tagline operators and everyone else in the area are wearing their hardhats when the lift begins.