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Safety Tip of the Week

Rigging Safety Practices

Rigging safety is a critical part of work. Rigging is used to lift heavy materials to heights with cranes and other devices. Riggers also act as signalmen. Improper rigging of a load or a rigging failure can expose riggers and other workers nearby to a variety of potential hazard.

Over the years, workers have been seriously injured or killed while working with or near rigging operations. Employees whose work activities include rigging must be trained in the recognition and avoidance of unsafe conditions.

Annually about 50 riggers are killed when loads have slipped from the rigging or when the rigging has failed. To protect workers against accident, OSHA has a series of strict rigging requirements. These requirements call for maintaining rigging equipment, properly training employees, and more.



General Information:

- Rigging equipment for material handling shall be inspected prior to use on each shift and as necessary during its use to ensure that it is safe.
- Rigging equipment shall not be loaded in excess of its recommended safe working load. Do not shock-load any rigging.
- Rigging equipment, when not in use, shall be removed from the immediate work area so as not to present a hazard to employees.

MAKE IT YOUR MISSION...NOT TO LIVE IN UNSAFE CONDITION!