

Lifting Equipment & Accessories

- Lifting Equipment (cranes, forklifts, excavators etc) must only be operated by a competent, trained and authorised person.
- Daily & weekly checks of machine condition should be carried out in line with the operators manual.
- Lifting Equipment and accessories must be thoroughly examined by a competent person at the appropriate interval
- Wire ropes and lifting hooks/eyes should be checked regularly.
- Accessories such as slings, shackles, chains and strops should be checked prior to each use, and *thoroughly examined* six monthly by a competent person.
- The lift plan should be followed at all times, if it requires changing the Appointed Person must be informed.
- A competent slinger/signaller must supervise all lifts.
- Always ensure personnel are kept clear during lifting operations.
- Do not leave loads suspended in the absence of an operator and banksman.
- Check Safe Working Loads (SWL) of all equipment and accessories prior to lift.
- Never tie knots in slings, ropes or chains, if they are too long, get a shorter one.
- Ensure lifting accessories are stored in a dry, clean place when not in use.
- If any damage is noticed ensure the item is removed from service, a red do not use tag if attached, do not just put it back where you found it.
- Always 'test lift' a load by lifting it a small distance before hoisting.
- Keep loads as close to the ground as possible.
- Do not allow persons to 'ride' on loads or in machines.
- Use tag lines to stabilise/control loads. Ensure they are free from knots, loops and frays.
- Wind speed and weather conditions must be taken into account before slinging the load and using a MEWP.
- When lifting centre bars ensure the conductors are tightened and wired before raising to vertical.
- Chains and nylon slings must be double wrapped when lifting any cylindrical material.
- An up to date thorough examination certificate must be kept with the lifting equipment/accessories.



Q. Who can operate “Lifting Equipment”?

Q. How often should you check shackles, strops, chains and straps?

Q. When should you check the SWL of lifting equipment?