

TOOLBOX TALK #27

Signallers & Slingers

- Ensure correct pin in shackle is used and screwed home.
- Ensure hook is central to stop load swing when raised
- Ensure load is lifted off the ground and is free and correctly slung before hoisting.

Q: How do you protect lifting gear from sharp edges?

- Always use a guide rope to steady the load.
- Stand well clear of load being lifted.
- When the crane is in operation do not leave the area unless you are relieved by another signaller.
- Warn the crane operator of any obstructions to the load.
- To avoid damage to lifting gear, loads should be landed onto timber or other suitable bearer.

Q: What are your duties when the load is in motion?

Hazards

- Never tie knots in chains to shorten them.
- Riding on loads is strictly prohibited.
- Do not use lifting gear for other purposes e.g. towing.
- Keep all persons not involved in lifting operations away from vicinity, especially children and the general public.

Q: Name two hazardous acts regarding lifting.

Do you have any questions for me?

Questions for you

Q: What should you check on lifting gear before use?

Q: What must you look out for during lifting operations?

REMEMBER: You Are The Eyes Of The Crane Driver

NOTES

Sources: [Banksmen and signallers - HSE](#)
[Planning and organising lifting operations - HSE](#)

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