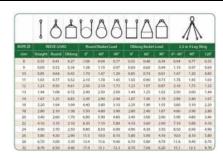
Toolbox Talk Lifting Equipment



What?

- Lifting equipment includes any equipment used at work for lifting or lowering loads, including attachments used for anchoring, fixing or supporting it
- All lifting equipment should be strong and stable enough for the particular use and marked to indicate it's safe working load (SWL)



Why?

- Failure of lifting equipment or lifting system can be quite sudden and because of the loads involved usually result in serious or fatal injuries
- This is why lifting operations should be carefully planned, supervised and carried out in a safe manner by people who are competent
- All lifting equipment must be thoroughly examined by a competent person; 6-monthly statutory inspection for loose equipment and 12-months for fixed equipment
- Never assume the lifting equipment with comes with equipment is compliant, always check and do not use if in doubt



Do



- ☑ Visually check all equipment before use
- ☑ Make sure it is in a safe condition
- ☑ Ensure a thorough examination has been carried out
- ☑ Check the safe working load
- ☑ Make sure SWL is not exceeded
- ☑ Estimate the centre of gravity and lift the load accordingly
- ☑ Take care of lifting equipment and store it properly after use
- ✓ Make sure you are trained to use lifting equipment properly
- ✓ When lowering, support the load to avoid crushing the sling
- ✓ Wear a helmet if required and suitable footwear

Don't



- ☑ Go under suspended loads
- Use equipment without a thorough examination
- Use lifting equipment if you are not trained
- Lift if you are not sure of the SWL and weight of the load
- Release the lifting equipment until the load is secure and stable





