

# Toolbox Talk

## Lifting Operations



### What?

A lifting operation is where a combination of lifting equipment is used to lift materials and components into or out to position and covers the activity from the planning stage to the completion of the operation

### Why?

- If not planned and executed properly the lifting operation can fail resulting in equipment overturning, shearing, breaking or collapsing with serious consequences for plant, equipment, buildings and people
- Safe lifting operations are required to prevent falling loads, sudden movement, toppling and accidental contact with adjacent structures and services

### Do



- ✓ Follow the lifting plan
- ✓ Make sure you are competent and trained
- ✓ Use a competent “banksman” during lifting operations
- ✓ Stand well clear of the operation in case it fails
- ✓ Be aware of other plant/machinery in close proximity
- ✓ Only use equipment to perform tasks for which it is designed
- ✓ Ensure that all plant/machinery has the appropriate and up-to-date certification
- ✓ Wear suitable PPE

### Don't



- ✗ Exceed the SWL of the overall lifting system
- ✗ Stand too close to the operation
- ✗ Leave machines running whilst unattended
- ✗ Leave a suspended load unattended
- ✗ Pass loads over people
- ✗ Continue if you see anything unusual or unsafe
- ✗ Ignore the banksman's instructions or signals

