
Risk Element

- Falls from height;
- Contact with moving machinery;
- Falling objects;
- Crushing;
- Entrapment.

Management of Lifting Operations

A safe system of work shall be established and maintained by the Competent Person and shall be followed for every lifting operation, whether it is a complex individual lift or repetitive routine operations.

The main principles of the safe system of work is that any lifting operations shall be:

- Properly planned;
- Well organised;
- Appropriately supervised;
- Carried out in a safe manner;
- Closed and reviewed.

The objective of the safe system of work is that all hazards associated with and all factors affecting lifting operations are duly considered, communicated, well understood and controlled by the personnel involved in the lifting operations.

Authorisation

Only authorised personnel to use this equipment. Once the contract lift begins, the load becomes the driver/operators responsibility to ensure the safe loading/unloading, securing & delivery of the load.

Regulations

The Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER) and BS 7121 – British Standard for the Safe Use of Cranes, require every lifting operation to be planned, supervised and carried out in a safe manner by an Appointed Person who has the appropriate knowledge, experience and understanding of lifting operations and who will be responsible for all aspects of the planning and execution of the lift.

To ensure compliance with the above, the lifting of J & E Hall equipment by crane (or HIAB) must only be performed by a reputable crane company using a Contract Lift. Under the terms of a Contract Lift, the crane company supplies the Appointed Person and is responsible the planning, supervision, insurance of all equipment (including the crane) and to ensure a safe system of work is implemented.

Checklist

A checklist should be used to plan and witness the Contract Lift and to ensure J & E Hall International's responsibilities under the terms of a Contract Lift are met.

These responsibilities are:

- To specify to the Crane Company that they are to supply the Appointed Person;
- To allow access to the lift site for a full survey to be performed for the Risk Assessment and Method Statement;
- To supply accurate information about the load to be lifted;
- To advise the crane company of any potential hazards, which are not evident from a site inspection, including ground conditions;
- All items must be completed and the document retained in the Contract File.

Personal Protective Equipment

Safety Boots, Overalls, Gloves, Goggles/glasses and Helmet.

Duties and Responsibilities Whilst Working

- The Sub-contact haulage company must be approved prior to the lift commencing;
- A competent representative must be present for the duration of the contract lift;
- The checklist is 'JEH-C5-042 Planning a contract lift'. All sections of document must be completed before the lift starts;
- Access equipment must be made available were applicable for the securing of the load;
- If loading onto a vehicle the load must be positively secured before the vehicle is allowed to move.

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