

OHS GUIDANCE

CRANE OPERATION EXCLUSION ZONES

Crane operations are one of the highest risk activities in our industry – this makes it one of the tightest regulated tasks in construction. Unfortunately, we still have a high number of incidents involving cranes - including fatalities.

Exclusion zones

Exclusion zones must be set up for all types of crane operations. Personnel who are not directly involved in the lifting process, must not be in those exclusion zones. If there are any personnel in the exclusion zones who are not directly involved in the lifting/landing process – then the crane operations must cease immediately.

Loading and unloading bays/zones – whether on ground level or on cantilevered crane loading platforms should only be occupied by the riggers/doggers who are undertaking the crane operations. No other personnel need to be in there.

Truck drivers

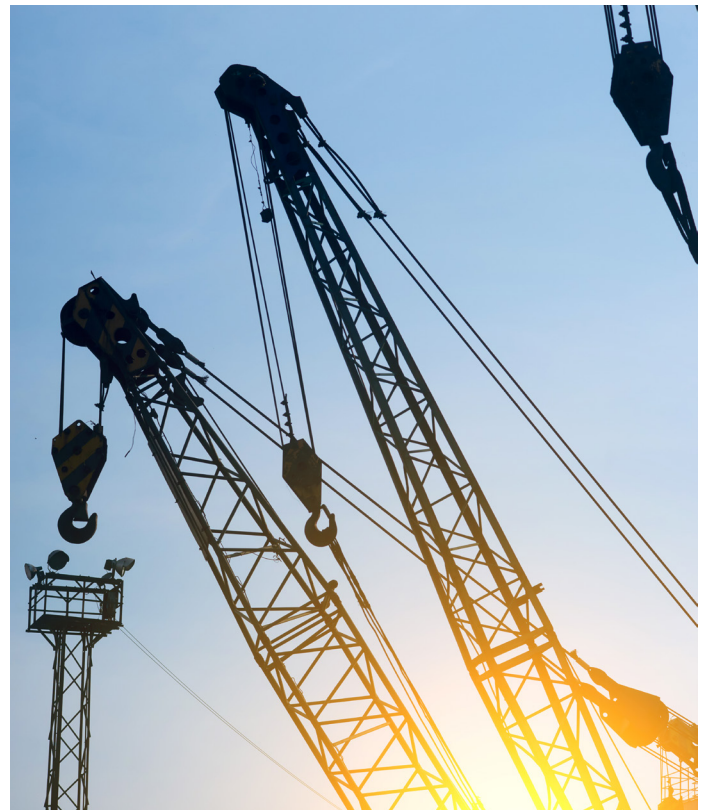
Truck drivers should be shown and guided to a safe area prior to their trucks being loaded or unloaded. They are not permitted to stay in the cabins of their vehicles whilst the loading or unloading process is occurring, because if there is a failure – the load could land on the cabin of the truck; further, it eliminates any chance that the truck may move during the loading and/or unloading process.

If it is determined that the truck needs to be moved from underneath the suspended load, a full and comprehensive risk assessment shall be undertaken. All workers involved must be given clear instructions and the accompanying SWMS must accurately reflect both the task and these instructions.

Management

Management must ensure that all exclusion zone restrictions and safe systems of work are both established and are being fully adhered to at all times.

If not, **DO NOT LIFT!**



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