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# CFMEU SAFETY ALERT CRANE LOADING PLATFORMS

FOLLOWING THE RECENT TRAGIC FATALITY OF A WORKER WHO FELL FROM A CANTILEVERED CRANE LOADING PLATFORM IN NSW, THE CFMEU HIGHLIGHTS THE FOLLOWING WHEN WORKING WITH CRANE LOADING PLATFORMS:

## Installation and Removal:

- Ensure that the manufactures'/suppliers' specifications and instructions (both installation and operation) are on site, available and adhered to.
- There must be a site specific Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) when installing and/or removing and /or when using the Crane Loading Platforms. The SWMS must be consistent with and accurately reflect and follow the manufactures'/suppliers' specifications and instructions.
- As a minimum, workers who are installing or removing the loading platforms, must have a **Basic Rigging High Risk Licence**.
- On completion of the installation, a thorough inspection is to be conducted and signed-off by a qualified engineer or by the high risk licence holder (Rigging), to ensure all specifications and instructions have been adhered to.
- The guardrails of the loading platform need to be a minimum of 1000mm as per AS1657: 2018 (C6.2.1.1) to provide greater security and safety to those workers who are using the platform.

## Using the Loading Platform:

- Only doggers or riggers are allowed on the platform whilst loads/materials are being slung or unslung and/ or whilst loads/materials are being lowered or hoisted.
- Ensure the slinging or unslinging of loads/materials does not require the dogger or rigger to place themselves above the floor level of the platform.
- Ensure there are procedures and precautions in place to prevent other personnel (i.e. "unauthorised" and/or other non-high risk licence holders) from entering the platform whilst lowering or hoisting operations are in progress.
- No other personnel are to enter or be on the platform until the load/material is firmly landed and has been unslung/derigged.
- No other personnel are to enter or be on the platform whilst the load/material is being hoisted until it is clear and safely away from the platform.



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