

# **SAFE WORK PRACTICES HOISTS, CRANES AND DERRICKS**

*\*This information does not take precedence over OH&S. All employees should be familiar with the Saskatchewan Employment Act and the OH&S Regulations.*

1. Inspect cables and sheaves.
2. Check slings and chains, hooks and eyes, ensuring there is no evidence of defects, excess wear or damage.
3. Post rated load capacities and operating instructions where they are visible to the operator.
4. Ensure illustration of crane hand signals is posted, understood and observed.
5. All equipment must be firmly supported.
6. Use outriggers where needed.
7. Ensure power lines are inactivated, removed or at a safe distance as required.
8. Ensure proper loading for capacity at lifting radius.
9. All equipment must be properly lubricated and maintained.
10. Operators and oilers inspection checklist must be maintained.
11. Ensure adequate signalmen where needed.
12. Barricade or rope off area where required.
13. Tag lines must be used on swinging loads.
14. Equipment must be equipped with portable fire extinguisher (5 BC rated).
15. Engineer's safety certificate and maintenance log book must be available on site for inspection.