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## Crane Operation

### Safe Operating Procedure:

- keep hands and fingers away when slack is being taken out of a sling
- ensure everyone is standing away from the load before the lift is made
- lifting devices are fully seated in the saddle of the hook before the load is moved
- move crane controls smoothly, and avoiding abrupt, jerky movements of the load
- ensure the load is high enough to clear all objects in the path of travel
- never operate the crane if the limit switches are out of order
- do not drag a load, always ensure the crane is centred directly above the load.
- never carry a load on the point of a hook, or inserting the point of the hook into a link of the chain
- always raise loads higher than necessary to clear objects
- avoid passing a load over people in the workplace, including the operator
- never leave a crane unattended while a load is suspended on the hook

### Slings and Lifting Attachments:

- determine the weight of the load to be lifted and ensure it is within the safe working load (SWL) of the crane
- select the right sling and attachments for the lift
- inspect each item of lifting equipment before attachment to the load
- balance the load to avoid overstress on any legs of the sling