





Guidelines – Mobile Cranes

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SELECTION OF CRANE

- Select the right crane for the load to be lifted.
- Crane must be of good mechanical construction of sound material, adequate strength & free from any defect.
- Risk assessments (RA) must be carried out for all mechanical lifting.
- Method of lifting as per the RA must be communicated to all those involved.
- Detail of crane capacities at various radiuses must be displayed prominently. Cranes over 1 ton capacity must be fitted with SLI.
- Provide proper access & egress to operator's cabin.
- Ensure that limit switches are in working condition.



- Lifting equipment must be tested every **12 months** through Trakhees approved third party. (test **6 monthly** if persons are lifted e.g. man riding basket)
- Lifting must be done under the supervision of appointed person with relevant experience.
- Crane operator, signaller / slinger must have competency certificate issued by a Trakhees approved third party.
- Carry out weekly service inspection of crane which must be recorded in a register.
- Ensure that all operators, signaller /slingers are medically fit & have good eye sight.

POSITIONING OF CRANE & RIGGING

- Ground must be levelled &compacted & shall be stable for positioning of crane.
- Ensure that the crane does not possess any hazard to other workers& moving traffic.
- Outriggers must be used with pads below.
- Make use of safe & tested lifting tackle marked with SWL on it.
- Lifting tackle must not be altered, lengthened or repaired.
- Do not position the crane unsafely near excavated pit or trench.
- Lifting tackle must be free from any defects.
- All cranes must maintain a clear distance of 3 metres from 50 KV power lines.



TRAINING & PPE

- Main contractor must ensure that people involved in lifting operation are competent to carry out their work safely.
- Use PPE as identified in RA & as recommended in the manufacturer's operation manual.





COMMUNICATION

- Provide effective means of communication between the crane operators & signallers, slingers.
- Provide radio communication when there is no clear line of sight between the crane operator & signaller /slinger.

LIFTING

- Cordon off the area where lifting is carried out.
- Display adequate safety notices
- Do not operate the crane in high winds, refer crane manual.
- Lifting accessories must be thoroughly examined by a competent person every 6 months.

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