



Hand Signals

On many job sites we are required to move small and large objects with heavy equipment to complete a job or task. Often when performing this operation, we overlook critical part of the operations. To start "Hoisting" is defined as "To raise or lift; especially by mechanical means" OSHA required that any time heavy equipment is used to "Hoist" an item a certified signal person be on the ground to direct the load and operator. So what that in mind every move even the use of a loader to move a compactor

Requires the use of a "Certified" signal person. This is different than a rigger who must also be certified and trained for rigging. The signal person need to know hand signals adopted by the Society of American Engineers (SAE). SAE official hand signal guide is recognized by OSHA, MSHA, and both Massachusetts and Rhode Island. When you are the signal person its your job to always have your eye on the load as well as the machines soundings and the dangers that

Might be present ie. People, overhead, trenches ext.. you should always be in sight of the operator when the load is being moved and if you need to move have the operator hold the load. Any danger should be reported to the operator at once and the hoist should be stopped until the danger can be mitigated. Use of hand signals should be well known to both the operator and the signal person. Giving the wrong signal could lead to harm or distraction of property.

Riggers

Riggers are required under OSHA be "Trained and Competent" in Massachusetts you are required to have a riggers license to attach a load more than 10 feet in the air. OSHA

Seconds this under OSHA 1926.751. OSHA requires that for complicated lifts the rigger be "Licensed" and active under the local authority. All Riggers are working

With the operator and the operator has the final say on what is ok and not regarding the hoist.

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