

# GA451T

## Control of lifting operations

### GUIDANCE FOR SLINGERS & SIGNALLERS

**Related processes:**

- A451 *Control of lifting operations*
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- A455 *Plant and work equipment*

**This is a mandatory briefing note for slingers and signallers and is to be delivered:**

- upon the appointment of the slinger / signaller (BVL and sub-contractors);
- during method statement briefings relating to lifting operations.

#### Authorisation and training:

You must be authorised by the BVL Site Manager (or by a nominated deputy, such as the Appointed Person) to carry out the role of the slinger / signaller on the site. The authorisation must be in writing. If you have not received authorisation, you are not permitted to undertake the role of the slinger / signaller.

All slinger / signallers acting for or on behalf of BVL must be trained to the CPCS scheme standard and must hold a blue 'Competency' card or hold a red 'Trained Operator' card and be working towards achieving a blue card.

All slinger / signallers must be identifiable by wearing a **RED SAFETY HELMET** and **ORANGE VEST** clearly marked with 'Slinger / Signaller' on the back.

#### Your responsibilities:

As a trained slinger/signaller, you are responsible for the following during any lifting operation:—

- Checking that there is a Lifting Plan in place for the proposed lifting operation (including, for telehandler work, arrangements for any suspended loads).
- Reporting to the Appointed Person for Lifting Operations any concerns regarding the planned lift and any amendments needed to the Lifting Plan.
- Selecting suitable lifting accessories (and other lifting equipment), ensuring that sling types and lengths to be appropriate for the planned lift with the crane or lifting plant being used.
- Ensuring that all lifting accessories have the certification necessary to show they have been correctly tested or checked.
- Ensuring that the lift route is clear of obstructions that could impede the lift. If you have any concerns, these should be reported to the Appointed Person or the Crane Supervisor.
- Ensuring that the areas where the load is to be placed (such as lay-down areas or load drop-off points) are clear of personnel and obstructions.
- Ensuring that tag lines are used where necessary to maintain control of the load being lifted.
- Attaching the load to the crane hook (or other load-lifting attachment) in a safe and correct manner and subsequently detaching it.
- Ensuring that, if personnel are being lifted, they are harnessed and their lanyards are attached to a suitable anchorage point in the carrier or to the hook of the crane.
- Keeping people clear of the lifting operation.
- Ensuring that clear communication is maintained between you and the crane operator. If this cannot be achieved, the lift must stop immediately.
- Initiating and directing the safe movement of the crane during the lift.
- Where possible, directing the crane load away from safety-critical plant and equipment.
- Complying with BVL's Health and Safety Golden Rules.

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— Stopping any lifting operation if there are any concerns regarding the safety of that operation.