



SAFETY FLASH: WORKING WITH CRANE

GOOD PRACTICE

- ✔ Before commencement of the hoisting activity, carry out a visual inspection of crane and the materials.
- ✔ Use certified hoisting equipment like hoisting slings.
- ✔ Make sure the load is well balanced by using a lifting beam.
- ✔ Make sure the hoisting slings have the correct length to ensure a safe distance between the lifting beam and the load.
- ✔ Make sure the crane is only operated by well instructed personnel.
- ✔ Make sure the barge is moored before commencement of the hoisting activities.
- ✔ Place the crane in rest position after the hoisting activities are done.



In order to make sure that the crew is safe and the barge remains free of damage, it is important to keep a couple of things in mind when working with the crane.



BAD PRACTICE

- ✘ Standing under a load.
- ✘ Leaving the crane up. There is a high risk of damages when the crane is not laid down.
- ✘ Lifting heavier loads than the maximum weight that is indicated on the hoisting equipment.
- ✘ Not using the handbrake and/or putting the car in gear.
- ✘ Using worn out hoisting materials.

ACTION QUESTIONS:

- Which hoisting equipment do we have on board and are they suitable?
- What is the maximum weight that we may lift and is that enough for the cars we want to hoist?
- Which steps do we need to take to hoist a car on board and what needs extra attention?