

**LOCATION TOOLBOX letter 1**

# Safe Hoisting and Lifting

## Why this theme?

Every year hoisting and lifting activities lead to (near) incidents, among other things because of incomplete planning, because we are in the 'line of fire' during the executing or because we are careless in using tag lines or because we don't use them at all. Safe hoisting and lifting means having the knowledge of the appropriate techniques, using the appropriate materials and tools, training, experience, good preparation and execution with appropriate measures and adequate supervision.

## How do you know if the work is done safely?

The **'10 questions for safe lifting'** is a control measure to be applied to each hoisting and lifting activity. Discuss the 10 questions before starting the hoisting or lifting activity.

- Has the hoisting equipment you are going to use really been inspected?
- When was the last audit done? And do all hoisting equipment have labels on them?
- Who is the Person in Charge for this hoisting or lifting activity?
- In what weather conditions should the work be stopped?



In the HSElife NL Hoisting and Lifting folder, all the relevant information required to safely carry out hoisting and lifting activities, is explained briefly and clear.

The folder can be downloaded for free on the HSElife NL website [hselifenl.com](http://hselifenl.com)



## 10 questions for safe lifting

1. Is everyone completely aware and fully understands the lifting & hoisting procedures applicable to the lifting operation?
2. Has everyone attended the toolbox talk?
3. Has a pre-use inspection of the Lifting Equipment been carried out and are the Lifting Accessories tagged or marked with:
  - > Working Load Limit (WLL) and/or Safe Working Load (SWL)
  - > A unique identification number
  - > A valid certification date
4. Are all safety devices working?
5. Does everyone know the Person-in-Charge (PIC) of the lift?
6. Is everyone competent and aware of his or her tasks?
7. Is there a current Lift Plan & JSA in place and do all concerned parties fully understand the nature of work and the necessary precautions that are required to execute the lift safely?
8. Does everyone know the environmental limits (e.g. maximum permissible wind speed) for the lift?
9. Is the lifting area clear and controlled and does everyone fully understand the potential dangers of a falling or swinging load?
10. Are signalling methods and communication agreed and clear to you?



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