



Slings

Safe Working Practices

Examine all slings before use. Do not use a sling if it is defective.

Find out the weight of the load to be lifted.

Check the safe working load of the sling. On no account must slings be overloaded.

Remember that a sling doubled around a load or shackle has a safe work equivalent to that of a single part of the rope.

Suitable packing from sharp edges or corners of the load should protect slings.

To ensure that the load is free before lifting.

Lower the loads onto suitable battens to prevent damage to the slings.

Don't improvise lifting tackle. Make sure that you have the right equipment for the job.

Never shorten a chain by knotting it or wrapping it around the lifting hook.

When using a multi-leg sling always try to ensure that the weight of the load is evenly distributed.

Keep your hands well clear of 'nips' between the chains or ropes and the load.

Before moving a load it is advisable to lift a few inches and test it for balance and stability.

Do not stand under loads whilst they are being lifted.

Slings and other lifting tackle should be properly stored when not in use.