Inspect rigging equipment for material handling before use on each shift and as necessary during its use to ensure that it is safe. Remove defective rigging equipment from service.

Do not load rigging equipment in excess of its recommended safe working load.

When not in use, remove rigging equipment from the immediate work area to prevent a hazard to employees.

Mark special custom-design grabs, hooks, clamps, or other lifting accessories for such units as modular panels, prefabricated structures, and similar materials to indicate safe working loads, and proof-test them before use to 125 percent of their rated load.

Each day before use, the sling and all fastenings and attachments must be inspected for damage or defects by a competent person designated by the employer. Perform additional inspections during sling use where service conditions warrant. Immediately remove damaged or defective slings from service.

Make sure that welded alloy steel chain slings have permanently affixed durable identification stating size, grade, rated capacity, and sling manufacturer.

Check that hooks, rings, oblong links, pear-shaped links, welded or mechanical coupling links, or other attachments, when used with alloy steel chains, have a rated capacity at least equal to that of the chain.

Do not use job or shop hooks and links, or makeshift fasteners, formed from bolts, rods, etc., or other such attachments.
Additional Information for Presenters
Review the information provided on the reverse side of this safety tip sheet. Please refrain from reading the information verbatim—paraphrase it instead.

OSHA Standards That May Apply: Link:
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