## SAFETY FLASH 23-85: HOISTING



A couple of times a year an (almost) incident occurs with hoisting activities. Take the time to use suitable materials in a correct way.

## **GOOD PRACTICE**

- v Carry out a visual inspection of the crane and materials before starting with hoisting activities.
- v Only use certified hoisting materials.
- v Make sure that the load is well balanced.
- v Stay (as much as possible) out of the swivel range.
- v Always wear a helmet when around hoisting activities. Objects may fall out of or from the load.
- v Only let (evidential) instructed personnel carry out the operation of the crane.
- v Make sure that the maximum capacity of the hoist point is greater than the maximum capacity of the hoist.
- Make sure there is control over the load at any time.
- v Also be extra alert when a hose is coming on board and keep communication open with jetty personnel.

## **BAD PRACTICE**

- x Stand under a load.
- x Using materials not meant for hoisting.
- x Needles presence in the swivel range of the crane and/or in the blind spot of the operator of the crane.
- x Lifting a greater load than the maximum indicated on the hoisting material.
- x Not having any communications between operator and work area.
- x Not taking into account the weather conditions.





## **ACTION QUESTIONS**

- Which hoisting materials do we have on board and how do we check them?
- How do we communicate during hoisting activities? Radio, gestures, etc.
- Did everyone receive sufficient instruction to operate the crane?

