

# CFMEU SAFETY GUIDANCE

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## CRANE OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

**Crane operators** are responsible for safely and efficiently moving construction materials from one place to another on a construction site which requires great focus and skill.

- They must be trained, licenced and issued with a High Risk Work License (HRWL) for the particular classification of crane they are operating.
- They must conduct prestart inspections of the crane each day prior to use and inspect the lifting gear before use to ensure it is in good working order, including chains, slings, shackles and lifting attachments. This requires a crane operator to have full knowledge of the crane.
- They must record any damage, fault or malfunction in the log book and report same to their supervisor.
- Must operate the crane as per the manufacturer's requirements, understand load limits and characteristics in a wide variety of cranes and situations.
- They must participate in the development of a Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) which is a risk assessment for the work they perform with the crane. This is classed as High Risk Work.
- They must review and work strictly to any Lift Studies that may be required for certain types of lift. A lift study may be required due to the size, weight, shape or nature of a particular load or lift.
- They need to be aware of and assess site, weather and environmental conditions as these can and do change continuously and severely affect the movement of loads.
- Work in collaboration with dogmen / riggers often in unsighted situations using radio communications.
- Crane Operators are ultimately responsible for the movement of any load attached to the crane and ensuring the safety of the crane and the people around it.
- A crane operator's job can often be in high risk situations under extreme pressure.
- When a crane operator refuses to lift a load that decision must be respected by all involved

**DON'T TAKE RISKS, PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR WORK MATES & MOST OF ALL YOUR FAMILY**

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