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HEALTH SAFETY ENVIRONMENTAL



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## Tag Line Use

Always keep hands off of suspended loads. Tag lines are commonly used in the offshore industry, but can present serious hazards (i.e. becoming entangled in the tagline and being lifting off the deck). Tag lines should be used on all lifts to assist in controlling the load, unless their use creates an unsafe condition. The below list shall be used as guidance:

- Taglines must be of such length that allows the rigger to work in a safe position well clear of the immediate vicinity of the load. (Best practices should include rope ¼ inch, extending 15 to 20 feet from the load)
- Taglines should always be connected to the load, not the rigging.
- Apart from the knot attaching the line to the cargo, there must be no other joints or knots in the line.
- Riggers must be aware of their surroundings and tagline location at all times to prevent entanglement.
- All sections of the line, including slack, must be kept in front of the body, between the handler and the load.
- Taglines can get snagged on handrails or wrapped around body parts as the crane is hoisting.
- Keep a firm grip on the tagline, but NEVER wrap it around any body part!
- Taglines must be held in such a manner that they can be quickly and totally released.
- Taglines should be attached before the load is lifted.
- The person holding the tagline must never be positioned between a suspended load and a stationary object.
- Use two taglines on large loads by placing one line at each end of the load.
- Where two or more persons are handling the same line, ALL must work on the same side of the line. Any slack must be kept in front of the group.
- Taglines must not be secured or attached in any manner to adjacent structures or equipment.
- Once the lift is secured for lifting, back away from the load to a distance greater than the length of the tagline.



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