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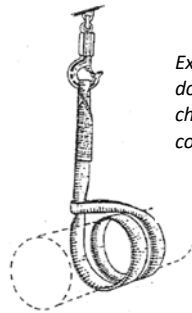


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Rigging Safety

When we prepare equipment or materials to be lifted by cranes, hoists or other material-handling machinery, performing rigging operations safely is critical. It was recently identified through our LIFE process that a pipe was about to be lifted with a single-wrap choker configuration, when a double-wrap choker configuration would have been better suited for the load. The job was stopped and the sling was reconfigured.



Example of a double-wrap choker configuration.

Riggers should remember to:

- Be aware of where the crane is operating.
- Consider different types of rigging techniques and equipment for different types of loads.
- Anticipate issues before they happen.
- Stop a job immediately if unsafe conditions exist.
- Know the weight of the load and the capacities of the crane and any rigging gear.
- Keep their hands, fingers and feet clear of pinch points.
- Be aware of stacked material when lifting to avoid knocking it over with a swinging load.
- Have a designated signal person during lifting to ensure proper clearances are maintained.
- Check for overhead power lines before lifting a load.
- Warn nearby workers before raising, lowering or swinging a load.
- When setting a load down, check that the landing area is clear and set it down slowly.

Report all incidents immediately to the GIS Hotline 1-855-543-5163.

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