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Stop and Think 'What are the hazards in this scenario?' 'What could go wrong?'

Assess the task, the work area, and the equipment.

Follow the procedures, protocols, and method statement.

Engage with your supervisor if an aspect of the task changes and requires deviation from the plan.

Lifting Operations

Plan all lifting operations including deliveries.

- Lifting operations must be planned, assessed, appropriately supervised by competent personnel.
- A lift plan must be in place for all mechanical lifts.
- Ensure persons involved in lifting operations have the correct training (Appointed Person, Lift Supervisor, Slinger, Crane operator, plant operator etc).
- Lifting equipment must be certified for use (GA1), must be inspected before use and recorded weekly (GA2). Defective equipment must not be used and reported immediately.
- Adequate means of communication such as hand signals, 2 way radio's etc, must be in place.
- Know the Safe Working Load and never exceed it.
- Ensure a dry slew and a test lift is completed on all lifts to verify radius and weights as per the lift plan.
- Exclusion zones must be in place prior to lifting or loading/unloading commencing.
- Loads should not be lifted over people or in the vicinity of overhead power lines. Tag/Guide lines must be used to control/guide loads where necessary.
- Poor weather conditions such as strong winds or lightning must be considered in the risk assessment for lifting operations.
- For complex lifts, the appointed person must be satisfied that ground conditions have been appropriately assessed.