

LIFTING ACCESSORY PRE-USE INSPECTION AND QUARANTINE ACTIVITY RAMS — ADAPT TO SITE BEFORE USE

Slings · chains · shackles · eyebolts — marking, damage, rejection and the store

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Statutory basis: LOLER 1998 reg 8 for safe lifting operations and reg 9 for thorough examination and inspection of lifting accessories; PUWER 1998 regs 5, 6 and 9 for maintenance, inspection and training; Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992 reg 4; CDM 2015 regs 13 and 15. This document is the recorded safe system of work required by HSWA 1974 s.2(2)(a) and MHSWR 1999 regs 3 and 5.

1 DOCUMENT AND PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

RAMS REFERENCE	PROJECT / SITE REF	SITE NAME AND ADDRESS	DATE PREPARED	NEXT REVIEW DATE
CLIENT / PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR	PLANNED START	DURATION	OPERATIVES	SUPERVISING THE WORK

2 SCOPE OF WORKS

The pre-use inspection of lifting accessories — textile and wire rope slings, chain slings, shackles, eyebolts, hooks and lifting beams — by the person about to use them: accepting hired and delivered accessories, checking identification, marking and thorough examination status, rejecting and quarantining damaged or unmarked items, and controlled issue, return and storage.

This document does not cover: thorough examination and any proof load testing (a competent person's, not site staff's), rigging of loads (KD-RA-PL-001), and inspection of the cranes, hoists and telehandlers themselves (their operators' documents).

SITE-SPECIFIC SCOPE, LOCATIONS AND LIMITATIONS

3 RISK ASSESSMENT — SCORE EACH RISK FOR THIS SITE, THEN ADD WHAT IS MISSING

The hazards and controls below are the starting point for this activity, written by a working main contractor. They are not complete for your site until a competent person has scored each risk, added the site-specific hazards, and struck out anything that does not apply. Rate risks High / Medium / Low before and after controls.

1. Accessory failing in use from damage missed before the lift

At risk: Everyone under the load, slingers

Controls: Every accessory inspected by the user before each use against the manufacturer's rejection criteria — textile slings for cuts, burns, chemical damage and missing or illegible labels; wire rope for broken wires, kinks, crushing and corrosion; chains for stretched, nicked or bent links; shackles and hooks for distortion, wear, bent pins and missing safety catches. Any doubt rejects the item.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

2. Hired, delivered, unmarked or out-of-date accessories used

At risk: Slingers, those below

Controls: Hired and delivered accessories accepted only with evidence of a current thorough examination (LOLER 1998 reg 9) — no evidence, not accepted; only items marked with their safe working load and identification, and matched to that evidence on the site register, are issued; items with illegible marking or an expired examination are quarantined — never used just this once.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

3. Rejected items finding their way back into use

At risk: Everyone on site

Controls: Rejected accessories tagged at the point of rejection, placed in a locked quarantine bin and recorded; items beyond repair destroyed with the owner's agreement; hire items returned with the defect written on the return note.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

4. Accessories degraded by storage

At risk: Slingers

Controls: Stored on racks off the ground, dry, away from heat, sunlight, chemicals and sharp objects; textile slings kept away from acids, alkalis and solvents; issue and return through the store so condition is seen every time.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

5. Cuts and puncture wounds from broken wire strands and burrs

At risk: Inspecting slinger

Controls: Rigger gloves worn to handle and inspect wire rope and chain; slings run slowly through gloved hands, never bare; broken strands reported, not trimmed off.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

6. Incompatible components or an assembly used beyond its rating

At risk: Slingers, those below

Controls: Components matched by rating — the lowest-rated item in the assembly sets its capacity; shackles and hooks sized to the sling eye; grades and makes mixed only where the manufacturer permits.

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7. Manual handling of heavy chain slings, beams and shackles

At risk: Operatives

Controls: Heavy chains and lifting beams moved by trolley or machine; long slings carried by two; racks set at working height so heavy items are not lifted from the floor.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

8. Inspection by people who do not know the rejection criteria

At risk: Slingers, everyone near the lift

Controls: Pre-use inspection only by slingers trained in the rejection criteria for the accessory types in use; the manufacturers' instructions for each type kept at the store.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

Site-specific hazards not listed above — every site has at least one:

HAZARD	WHO IS AT RISK	CONTROLS	INITIAL H/...	RESIDUAL...	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

4 METHOD — SEQUENCE OF WORK

- Set up the site accessory register: identification, safe working load and the evidence of current thorough examination for each item.
- On delivery of hired or bought accessories, check the evidence of thorough examination against each item's marking before it enters the store; no evidence, not accepted.
- Issue from the store only against the register; out-of-date items stay in quarantine.
- The user inspects the item before each use, in good light and gloved, against the manufacturer's rejection criteria, and checks the marking matches the register.
- Check the item suits the lift — rating, configuration and compatibility with the other components.
- Reject any item that is damaged, unmarked or out of date: tag it, put it in the quarantine bin, record it and tell the supervisor.
- Stop the lift if no suitable inspected accessory is available — no substitutes.
- After the lift, check again for damage, then return the item clean and dry to the store.
- Send quarantined items for repair or destruction only through the competent person or the owner; return hire items with the defect recorded.
- Supervisor checks the register and the quarantine bin at the interval the site's lifting arrangements set and before each thorough examination visit.

SITE-SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS TO THE SEQUENCE

5 PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

- ☐ Site accessory register
- ☐ Racks and a dry store
- ☐ Lockable quarantine bin and rejection tags
- ☐ Manufacturers' rejection criteria for each accessory type
- ☐ Rigger gloves
- ☐ Trolleys for chains and beams

INSPECTION / THOROUGH EXAMINATION REFS

COSHH ASSESSMENT REFS

6 PPE — THE LAST LINE OF CONTROL, NOT THE FIRST

- ☐ Head protection
- ☐ Safety footwear
- ☐ High visibility
- ☐ Gloves — task-rated
- ☐ Eye protection
- ☐ Hearing protection
- ☐ Rigger gloves for inspecting wire rope and chain

RPE TYPE, FACE-FIT STATUS, AND ANY OTHER PPE REQUIRED

7 PERMITS REQUIRED BEFORE THIS WORK STARTS

No permit is normally required for this activity. The site's own rules may still require one — check before starting, and record any permit issued below.

PERMITS ISSUED FOR THIS WORK (OR NONE)

8 EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS — COMPLETE FOR THIS SITE

FIRST AIDER AND LOCATION	NEAREST A&E	ASSEMBLY POINT
HOW THE ALARM IS RAISED	EMERGENCY ACCESS FOR THIS WORK AREA	SPILL / ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE

9 BRIEFING RECORD — EVERYONE WORKING UNDER THIS RAMS SIGNS BEFORE STARTING

By signing you confirm the contents of this RAMS have been explained to you, you understand the hazards and controls, and you will work to the sequence stated. Tell the supervisor if the work or the site does not match this document — work stops until it does.

NAME	COMPANY	SIGNATURE	DATE

10 PREPARED AND ACCEPTED

Prepared / adapted for this site by — I confirm I have adapted this document to the site, scored the risks, and that it describes how the work will actually be done.

PRINTED NAME	ROLE / COMPETENCE	COMPANY	SIGNATURE	DATE	TIME

Accepted for the site by — principal contractor or site manager review.

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Review this RAMS if the work, the site or the law changes, and at least before each new phase of the works. Flatten the completed PDF before filing so the record cannot be silently edited.

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