



# KCA TOOL BOX TALK: Using Machinery to Lift Loads

Using machinery such as cranes, forklifts, dozers, & backhoes to lift loads can save time and prevent manual lifting injuries. But they can cause an overhead safety hazard too. The equipment operator and workers nearby always need to be aware of their surroundings and overhead operations.

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### **Remember Basic Safety Rules:**

- Monitor weather, especially windy conditions
- Never hoist loads at a high speed since it increases the risk of losing control of the material
- When possible, carry loads close to the ground
- Have one signal person who always has a clear view of both the operator and the load
- Make sure loads are rigged correctly and don't forget to use tag lines
- Always inspect the equipment before use and confirm it is in good condition
- Do not hoist loads over other workers and anyone working near machinery should also be aware of their surroundings

For more information visit OSHA REGULATIONS: 1926.554