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1. **Scope**

This standard applies to platforms suspended from the load lines of cranes or derricks in order to:

1. perform work at elevations that cannot be reached in a safe manner by other types of scaffolds or aerial work platforms; or
2. transport personnel to elevations where other means of access are unsafe or impractical because of design or worksite conditions.

1.1 **Application**

This standard shall apply to platforms hoisted by cranes or derricks in order to:

1. perform work at elevations that cannot be reached in a safe manner by other types of scaffolds or aerial work platforms, as determined by a qualified person; or
2. transport personnel to elevations where other means of access are unsafe or impractical because of design or worksite conditions. Safe use of such equipment is dependent upon the user following all provisions contained herein.

1.2 **General Requirements**

The use of a crane or derrick to hoist employees on a personnel platform is acceptable only after the qualified person (person responsible for the lift) has completed a job safety analysis (JSA) that includes consideration of conventional means of access such as a personnel hoist, ladder, stairway, aerial lift, elevating work platform or scaffold as a practical alternative. The JSA shall also include the following at a minimum and shall be maintained on the jobsite:

1. Jobsite information including physical description of area (north, east, south, west).
2. Reasons for lift including factors prohibiting the use of scaffolds, aerial work platforms, ladders or other such equipment; such as considerations related to environmental and work factors such as ability to reach work area in a feasible manner; impact of ice, snow, oil on ladders, steps or runways; structural stability, etc.
3. Steps to be followed to complete the lift.
4. Hazards associated with each step in the process.
5. Controls associated with each hazard.

1.3 **Critical Lift Plan**

A critical lift plan identifying the following must be prepared in advance and signed by the qualified person.

1.3.1 A critical lift plan shall include the following:

- Make, model and serial number of crane or derrick.
- Configuration of crane or derrick including boom length, jib, counterweight, wire rope allowable line pull and capacities at maximum expected radius.
- Ground conditions and blocking required for stability, proximity to power lines and other overhead hazards.