

The Crane, Hoist and Monorail Alliance



OVERHEAD CRANE SAFETY TIPS CARD

Parking the Load

Fatalities or serious injuries can occur if overhead cranes are not inspected and properly used. Fatalities may occur when workers are struck by a load, or pinched between the load and another object.

The following are some safety tips for overhead crane operators to follow while parking the load.

- **Do not** lower a load with the hoist until all personnel are clear of the load and the load's path. Verify that the load will clear all obstacles before lowering the load.
- Block loads before landing if slings or other lifting devices must be removed under the landed load.
- Exercise care when removing a sling from under a landed and blocked load.
- **Do not** leave a suspended load unattended unless specific precautions to prevent the load from inadvertent lowering have been instituted and are in place.
- Position the hoist load block and hook above head level storage when the hoist is not in use.

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