The Overhead Crane & Hoist Safety Program establishes the key requirements to ensure the safety of personnel and to prevent personal injury that could result during the use of Overhead Cranes and/or Hoists.

The most common causes of failures with the operations of Overhead Cranes & Hoists are related to overloading and improper rigging. Serious injuries including fatalities and property damage are potential consequences if load or lifting equipment falls to the ground.

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**
- Cranes and hoists shall only be operated the following designated personnel:
  - Trained Operators
  - Trainees under the direct supervision of a designated person.
  - Authorized contractors completing maintenance and/or repairs.
- Pre-Use Inspection must be performed at the start of each work shift.
- Safe rigging and load requirements shall be strictly followed.
- Appropriate hand signals shall be used when appropriate to safely communicate load movement.

**PRE-USE INSPECTION**
Can be completed electronically by using a Qualtrics form or on paper. Includes review of the following:
- Control Devices
- Brakes
- Hook & Hook Latch
- Wire Rope/Chain
- Reeving
- Limit Switches
- Leaks
- Unusual Sounds
- Warning & Safety Labels
- Slings & Fasteners
- Housekeeping & Lighting

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**
All persons working in proximity of a crane or hoist shall wear personal protective equipment in accordance with their completed PPE Hazard Assessment.

**TRAINING**
- Only designated, trained persons are permitted to operate a crane or hoist.
- Trainees may only operate under the direct supervision of a designated, trained person.
- At a minimum training shall include:
  - Classroom/online training
  - General safety
  - Crane inspection
  - Attaching, raising, lowering, and moving loads
  - Hand signals
  - Hands-on training, crane controls, handling instructions per manufacturer
  - Safe operations