

CODE OF SAFE PRACTICES FOR CONSTRUCTION HOISTS
DEVELOPED FOR THE INDUSTRY BY THE SCAFFOLD AND ACCESS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (SAIA)

It is the responsibility of all employees, erectors, operators and users to read and comply with the following commonsense guidelines. They are designed to promote safety in the erection, dismantle, operation and use of Construction Hoists. These guidelines are not all inclusive, and neither supplement nor replace additional safety and precautionary measures that cover usual or unusual conditions. If these guidelines conflict in any way with state, local, or federal statute or governmental regulations, said statute or regulation shall supersede these guidelines. It shall be the responsibility of each Construction Hoist employer and user to comply there with and to be knowledgeable and understand all state, local or federal statute or governmental regulations pertaining to Construction Hoists.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Post the safety guidelines in a conspicuous place. Be sure that all persons who erect, use, operate, or dismantle the Construction Hoist are fully aware of them and have been trained in the safe operation of the Construction Hoist.
2. Do not erect, dismantle or alter the Construction Hoist unless under the supervision of a Qualified Person. Modification to a Construction Hoist must have approval from the manufacturer or equivalent entity.
3. Follow all equipment manufacturers' recommendation as written in the operations manual. Abide by all local, states and federal statutes and regulations in your area pertaining to Construction Hoists including but not limited to ANSI A10.4.
4. Before using the Construction Hoist, a pre-start inspection as described in the operation manual for said Construction Hoist, and job site specific hazards must be completed. Do not carry passengers until the daily inspection is complete.
5. Inspections pursuant to manufacturer, ANSI A10.4, and local requirements, shall be performed at a minimum of every 90 days. A qualified person must perform these inspections. Do not operate the Construction Hoist if a safety device is overdue for replacement or a drop test is required.
6. Always store ladder inside car for emergency roof access. Always have rooftop guardrails installed. Rooftop access door shall be closed during operation. Do not defeat the interlocks.
7. The base enclosure must be closed and locked at all times during Construction Hoist operation. Authorized personnel are the only persons allowed in the base fence enclosure and only with full knowledge of the operator.
8. Do not exceed maximum load limitations set by the Construction Hoist manufacturer. Consult operator manual for maximum load.
9. The operating manuals shall be available to operators on site.
10. Do not operate, erect, locate or dismantle the Construction Hoist if you are under the influence of drugs, alcohol or other substances.
11. When applicable, means shall be used to protect against use by unauthorized person(s). Always secure the Construction Hoist from an unauthorized use after the work shift.
12. Do not operate unit with any electrical panel door open. Make sure all electrical components are in proper and safe operating condition.
13. Do not erect, operate or dismantle Construction Hoist during winds exceeding 30 mph, or in lightning storm.
14. Do not hoist car(s) when workers are in or on the tower, inside the base enclosure or potentially in the hoistway.
15. All passengers / operators must be inside the car or outside of the hoistway before the car(s) are moved.
16. Never take chances! If in doubt regarding safety or use of the Construction Hoist, consult your supplier.

*The safety guidelines (code of safe practices) cover some common sense procedures for safely erecting, dismantling and using Construction Hoist. Always follow the Model Specific guidelines provided by the manufacture or Construction Hoist provider.

**Field conditions vary, and are beyond the control of the SAIA and Construction Hoist Council; safe and proper use of the Construction Hoist is the sole responsibility of the employer.

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