

# **Manual Handling**

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MANUAL LIFTING AND CARRYING

#### **GENERAL**

Protecting workers from injuries associated with material lifting and carrying.

### **APPLICATION**

Most lifting accidents are due to improper lifting methods. All manual lifting should be planned and safe lifting procedures followed.

## **PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS**

- Permit system
- Safe work procedure
- Safe lifting procedures
- PPE
- ERP (Emergency Response Plan)

#### **SELECTION AND USE**

As per safe work procedure

Safe lifting procedure

#### SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY

Supervisors are responsible to facilitate and/or provide proper instructions to their workers on protection requirements and training.

Selection of lifting equipment.

#### **WORKER RESPONSIBILITY**

- 1. Ensure that you know your physical limitations and the approximate weight of materials.
- 2. The use of power equipment or mechanical lifting devices should be considered and employed where practical.
- 3. Obtain assistance in lifting heavy objects.
- 4. Ensure a good grip before lifting and employ proper lifting technique.
- 5. Avoid reaching out.
- 6. Pipes, conduit, reinforcing rods and other conductive materials should not be carried on the shoulder near exposed live electrical equipment or conductors.
- 7. Be aware of hazardous and unsafe conditions.





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