



## **Fact Sheet No. 2: Hoists, Cranes and Pullers – Safety & Warning Labels and Test Certification**

*This is the second in a series of Fact Sheets developed by the Crane, Hoist and Monorail Alliance concerning safe application and operation of overhead material handling equipment.*

### **Why are Safety & Warning Labels and Load Test Certification important?**

Hoist, crane and puller equipment have specific application instructions. Operators and inspectors need to know how to safely apply each device and they need to understand their limitations.

### **What safety and warning information should be considered when purchasing, installing or using Hoists, Cranes and Pullers?**

Some of the items that should be noted when purchasing, installing or using Hoists, Cranes and Pullers are:

- 1) Load test certification
- 2) Rated capacity clearly marked on the product
- 3) Specific warning information
- 4) Product model number, serial number and date of manufacture
- 5) Manufacturer's name and contact information
- 6) Manufacturer's Operations Manual
- 7) Applicable standards or codes with which the product complies

### **How can you protect your workers?**

You can protect your workers by:

- Ensuring that all new products purchased comply with all applicable OSHA, National, State and local requirements.
- Ensure that all operators have been trained for each type of equipment.
- Use a preventative maintenance and inspection procedure for each type of equipment.
- Maintain proper inspection and maintenance records.

### **What do Employees/Operators needs to know?**

Employees and Operators need to know:

- Proper equipment operator instructions.
- Load limits and capacities of each payload.
- Safe Rigging practices.
- Operator inspection requirement at the start of each shift.
- Equipment inspection and maintenance cycle requirements.

### **Where can I get more information?**

Please refer to the [Crane, Hoist and Monorail Alliance](#) for additional information. If there is any question as to which standards or requirements apply please contact your local OSHA office.