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The Benefits of “Floating” The Load

“Floating” the load, simply means taking a few seconds after the initial hoisting of the container(s) by any lifting device, to ensure that:

- A. The load is securely engaged and can move safely to its next location; *and*
- B. The load consists only of the container(s) intended to be hoisted; *not a chassis, bombcart, etc.*



Lifting device operators, workers releasing chassis twistlocks and signal persons each have an obligation to work closely with one another on every lift, in order to ensure that the load is securely engaged before hoisting, and that container-carrying vehicles are not going up with the load.

Floating the load allows time for the signal person to instantaneously communicate with the lifting device operator in the event the load is not properly engaged, or in the event that more than the intended load is being hoisted. **Save a life... Float the load!**

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