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TOPIC: Suspended Loads

When working with loads suspended by way of a crane, hoist, or come-a-long, take the following steps to avoid injury.

Practice Caution

– ALWAYS stay out from under suspended loads
– Keep others aware by roping off or using caution tape under the suspended load
– Ensure load guidelines and long enough to allow the handler to stay out from under the load

Secure Equipment Properly

– Keep manufacture’s load recommendations readily available
– Inspect chains, cables, hooks, and slings to ensure they are properly sized
– Make sure the lifting device is adequate for the load
– Prepare all loads to be lifted correctly

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