

Chain and Sling Policy

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To eliminate exposure to personal injury or property damage resulting from the use of any inappropriate materials or inappropriate use of manufactured tools for lifting and/or pulling.

2 POLICY REQUIREMENTS

- Pulling: Slings made from Dyneema or equivalent synthetic products will be used for all pulling projects. The exception to this policy is if the operation has a tool or device specifically designed to pull or drag a piece of equipment. This does not apply to the towing of mobile equipment. In these cases, a rigid drawbar or other appropriate attachment must be used.
- Lifting: All sites are required to evaluate jobs currently using chain or wire rope for lifting to determine if slings or other material could be used for the job. Risk Analysis should be performed to determine the proper technique and most appropriate lifting tool to perform the job.

It is not the intent of this policy to eliminate the use of tools that are designed, manufactured and certified for the lifting or pulling of materials. However, the manufacturer's load recommendations such be followed strictly so as not to exceed the rated load capacity (i.e. chain hoist or come along).