

# Longshore Safety Tip

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## ***PREVENT SEMI-TRACTOR OPERATOR INJURIES by FLOATING THE LOAD PCMSC RULES 422, 662, 822, 1452***

### ***SIGNALMEN***

*Understand and use  
the proper signals for  
both the truck driver  
and the crane  
operator.*



### ***CRANE OPERATORS***

- Communicate with your signalmen!*
- They are your eyes and ears and must tell you when the container is free of the chassis.*

### ***CRANE OPERATORS***

- Shall float the load.*
- Shall wait for the “ALL CLEAR” signal from the signalman before hoisting.*

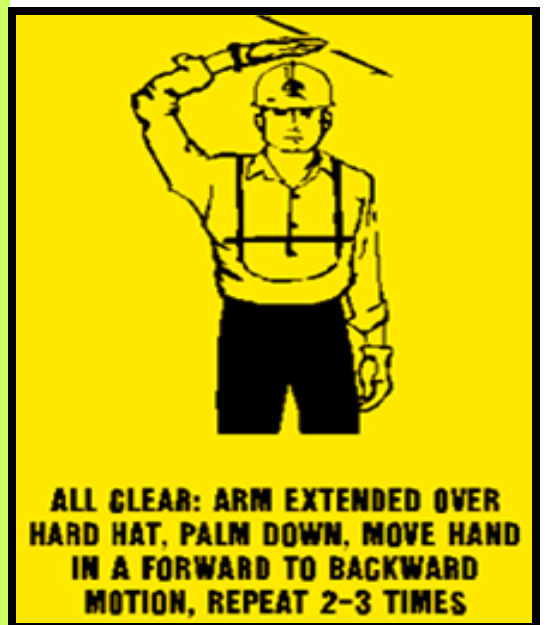


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## ***SIGNALMAN & CRANE OPERATOR DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN HOISTING THE LOAD***

- *Under the hook, the Signalman ensures proper alignment of the chassis/bomb cart with the crane beam for the Crane Operator.*
- *The Crane Operator lands the spreader onto the container and locks on.*
- *The Crane Operator floats the load to ensure a clear separation from the chassis/bomb cart.*
- *The Signalman must be ready to immediately communicate with the Crane Operator on the radio while the load is being floated.*
- *If the container hangs up when floated, the Signalman immediately calls the Crane Operator to COME BACK or STOP!*
- *The Signalman gives the “ALL CLEAR” signal only when there is clear separation between the container and chassis or bomb cart.*
- *The forward movement of the tractor shall be determined by the Signalman to ensure a clear separation.*



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