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IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SAFE USE OF 2 MAN CAGES / PERSONNEL BASKETS

This document is issued in accordance with the requirement of Section 6 of Health & Safety at Work Act 1974, amended in March 1988. This information is of a general nature only covering the main points for the safe use of (2 Man Cages / Personnel Baskets). It may be necessary to supplement this information for specific applications.

Designed and manufactured to carry personnel and tools. Generally suspended from a mobile crane, fork lift truck or other suitable lifting appliance.

ALWAYS

- Examine the equipment and associated parts prior to use
- Ensure personnel are trained and competent to use the equipment
- Check for anchor restraint points in the cage and the rated capacity (SWL - Safe Working Load) is marked.
- Always inspect the equipment before and after use and for valid certification
- Always ensure the correct rated ancillary equipment is used
- Always wear suitable PPE i.e. suitable harness / belt c/w restraint lanyard
- Always ensure the operator of the crane or fork truck has clear vision of those in the basket and / or good 2 way communication
- Always ensure adequate Risk Assessments are in place and seen by those involved

NEVER

- Never use equipment of unknown origin or where damage is evident
- Never overload the basket beyond its rated capacity (SWL- Safe Working Load)
- Never extend the working areas of the basket by attaching other elements such as ladders
- Never operate anywhere near overhead cables without completing the relevant assessments
- Never operate the unit over areas that are operationally hazardous i.e. hoppers, chemical processes unless suitable assessments have been completed

Operation - Before using the equipment consideration should be given to the following:-

- Working height required for the basket
- The working area that the basket and lifting appliance must operate in, ensure ground is flat and stable
- The environment personnel will be exposed to e.g. hazardous processes, power cables