

Hand Signals

Before a crane is operated, the hand signals going to be used for a lift should be communicated between everyone involved in the lift. Here are some common ones:



Hoist: With forearm vertical, forefinger pointing up, move hand in small horizontal circles



Lower: With arm extended downward, forefinger pointing down, move hand in small horizontal circles.



Use main hoist: Tap fist on head, then use regular signals.



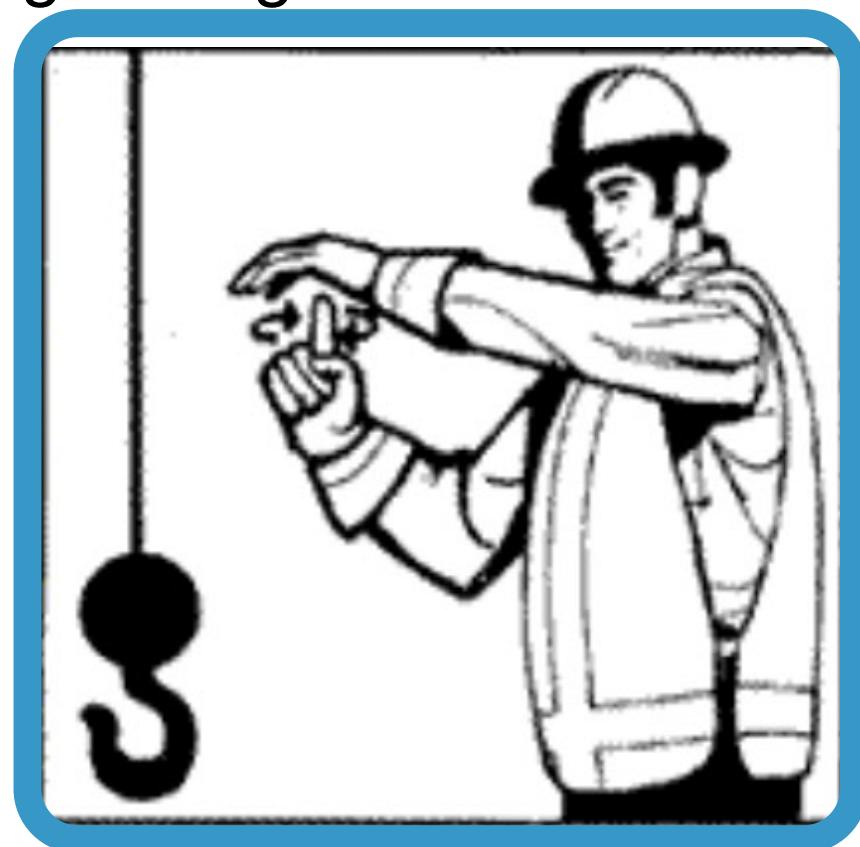
Use whipline (auxiliary hoist) Tap elbow with one hand, then use regular signals.



Raise boom: Arm extended, fingers closed, thumb pointing upward.



Lower boom Arm extended, fingers closed, thumb pointing downward.



Move slowly: Use one hand to give any motion signal and place other hand motionless in front of hand giving the motion signal ("hoist slowly" shown as an example).



Raise the boom and lower the load
Arm extended, fingers closed, thumb pointing upward, other arm bent slightly with forefinger pointing down and rotate hand in horizontal circles.



Lower the boom and raise the load: Arm extended, fingers close thumb pointing downward, other arm with forearm vertical, forefinger pointing upward and rotate hand in horizontal circles.