



## Use of Mobile Devices in Tower Cranes

Recent reviews of tower crane cab cameras has identified instances of operators using mobile devices and eating meals whilst at the controls of the equipment and carrying out lifting operations.

Due to the isolated nature of tower crane cabs, we recognise that access to a mobile device within the cab may be useful for making service/maintenance and emergency calls, however **the following must never be undertaken:**

- Using a mobile device (including watching a screen other than those provided for safe crane operation (such as hook camera screen))
- Listening to mobile devices through any form of headphone or earphone.
- Eating Meals or drinking
- Undertaking any other task or activity that distracts the operator from operating the equipment safely or obscures his view, such as placing feet on window bars.

Prior to undertaking any of the above, the operator must isolate the crane and ensure it is in a safe condition. Failure to do this may result in removal from the project.

### Action for ALL projects with Tower Cranes

- Reappoint all tower crane operators on the revised Lifting Equipment Operator Appointment Form (SHE9 FRM 05) and ensure the details of this bulletin are communicated to all operators.
- Ensure all tower cranes are fitted with Cab Cameras and that 'CCTV in Operation' Signs are displayed within the cab and periodically check Cab Camera footage for compliance with these requirements.
- Ensure adequate time for rest breaks is planned into each cranes daily lifting schedule. This must be recorded within the lift plan.
- Contact your Tower Crane provider and ensure they have a policy on the use of mobile devices, and that this is communicated to the operator.

