

Preventing Drops



- **A 'Drop' is anything that falls from an elevated work area.**
- **This includes a dropped:**
 - Lifted load
 - Tool
 - Equipment item
- **Inspect lifting lines & connections.**
- **Tie off tools of all sizes & types and all equipment items.**
- **Keep items away from elevated edges.**
- **Remove every thing from the elevated work area.**
- **Keep the area below the work area barricaded & clear.**



Dropped objects are dangerous. Dropped objects are also predictable- after all what goes up, must come down. Here is what you can do to prevent dropped objects.

All lifting equipment should be certified, inspected and properly operated to help ensure dropped object incidents don't occur.

Workers should be fully harnessed when working at height (six feet or more). It's also critical that all tools, parts, and devices used on ladders and other elevated surfaces must always be secured so that they cannot fall onto anyone.

In addition, once the job is finished, double check to make certain no loose objects are left behind.

And last but not least, a restricted area should always be established beneath suspended objects or work being done at height.