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Introduction to M.A.C.S.S. New Website and Newsletter

Welcome to the February addition of the Macssgroup Newsletter!

We welcome all to visit our re-designed website at [Macssgroup](#) where you can find safety and general information that you might find interesting and/or useful. Feel free to contact us for further information and services.

Current News

Failing Synthetic Fibre Slings

Synthetic fibre slings are used for lifting and moving loads by cranes but can be damaged if they become exposed to sharp edges or corners without protection.

Causes of damage can include:

- Undersized sling for the load
- Defect or damage
- Excessive choke
- Incorrect use of sling
- Unsuitable sling for the load
- No use of protective sleeve
- Inappropriate storage

Slings should be fit for purpose and the Working Load Limit should never exceed its maximum weight.

While Synthetic Slings are preferred over wire and rope slings, they are susceptible to being damaged and need to be maintained to ensure that defected or damaged slings are not in use.

Risk assessments should be undertaken on works that involve slings to ensure that the risks associated with use of slings are identified and controlled, including incorrect sling for the load, damaged slings and untrained personnel.

The sling must be slung or reeved as stated on the manufacturer's instruction and must be protected with a protective sleeve.

How can Macssgroup help?

Risk assessments

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Contractor Management

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Site safety inspections

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Emergency Response

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What our clients say about us!

"MACSS group were engaged to conduct a gap analysis audit on WHS Management System against the OFSC requirements. We are extremely happy with the service provided by MACSS group. We would recommend MACSS group to others in our industry."

If you require any additional information please feel free to contact us
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The only appropriate commitment toward safety performance is:

No Incidents, No Excuses

Sincerely,
The MACSSGROUP Team



Safety Of Mobile Cranes

With many construction developments occurring across the country and the increased use of cranes, concerns over crane safety have been growing. Inadequate planning including setting up on soft or sloping ground, overloading or operating and unstable crane and interaction with other plant and people can result in safety incidents that may cause damage and/or injury.

It is important that Work Method Statements are prepared and used to capture and control the potential risks of the job. All workers must be consulted and trained accordingly, ensuring their site knowledge and safety awareness while operating a crane at all times. Likewise, it is very important that the crane is properly selected for the job. The selection criteria should cover whether:

- The crane has adequate lifting capacity to safely lift
- Is in good condition and operating properly
- Has adequate slew area
- Has stable ground conditions
- Is accessible and visible to other users
- Has the correct amount of counterweights fitted
- Is rigged with the correct number of ropes

Ensure that you have your crane certified where required, undertake regular checks and inspections and make sure that all mobile cranes are fit for purpose and regularly maintained. Confirm that competent licensed operators are in use as this will be a good start in keeping workers and workplaces safe.

What's happening across the Country in Safety?

South Australia – Work Safe SA
[Failure of Synthetic Fibre Slings](#)

New South Wales – Work Cover NSW
[Be Careful Working Around Electricity and Powerlines](#)

Victoria – Work Safe VIC
[Asbestos Website Has The Answers](#)

Western Australia- Work Safe WA
[Improving Communications For Truck Drivers Working Alone](#)

Queensland – DIER QLD
[Changes To Codes Of Practice Commencing 1 December 2013](#)

Northern Territory – NT Work Safe
[Securing Worksites Against Storm Activity](#)

Tasmania – Work Safe Tasmania
[Forklift Safety](#)

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[Failure Of Two-Way Radios During Cranage Work](#)

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