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Single Lift Bags

Background

Recently there has been concern with the increased use of single lift bays for transporting sand, reo linkages, other building materials and even rubbish from high rise building sites.

Single Lift Bags are designed to ONLY be lifted once. This can be very difficult to determine as bags usually arrive on site on trucks and it's impossible to prove whether or not the bag has been lifted prior to arriving on site

Several near misses have been reported, fortunately to date no workers or members of the public have been killed or injured. The outcome of a bag failing during a high rise lift would result in serious injury or death.



Recommendation

The CFMEU recommended that no bags containing sand or other materials are to be lifted by cranes unless the bags are secured in a cage on a hardwood pallet. Softwood pallets are not acceptable. Also slings, chains and lifting cages must be tested so they meet Australian Standards.

This needs to be endorsed by site safety committees, If there is no site safety committee on site and the principle contractor fails to co-operate contact your union office 92211055

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