



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### Inspection of Rigging Equipment Safety Message

A visual inspection shall be performed by the user or designated person each day before the rigging hardware is used. A periodic inspection shall be performed by a designated person, at least annually.

#### Inspection and Disposition of Rigging Equipment

Rigging and lifting gear come in a wide variety of forms. Both the OSHA and ASME have released guidelines for rigging equipment inspection, removal of equipment, and inspection procedures for safety equipment harnesses and lanyards.

You'll have to follow their guidelines for checking and removing a product developed specifically for that product. There are essentially three major categories of checks.

#### Initial Inspection

This routine machinery check is standard procedure - you must ensure the rigging hardware meets all relevant regulations. It doesn't matter if the machinery is brand new, refurbished, or repaired; you still need to get it inspected.

#### Regular or Daily Inspecting

Depending on how often you use the equipment, you'll need to do checks to ensure its continued proper functioning. When working with rigging, it is recommended that you check it daily.

#### Periodic Inspection

Per OSHA and ASME regulations, periodic rigging and lifting equipment inspection must be documented and performed at least once yearly. If the equipment is going to be subjected to harsher service conditions, it may need to be inspected every three months or perhaps every month.