

Subject: Safety Programs and Requirements: Crane Safety

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Crane Safety is a major area of concern to OSHA and as a result there are many references to crane safety in OSHA documents. Crane safety is also a major area of concern to Steward Observatory as there are many cranes of different types in the Observatory. If you will be involved in the operation of cranes, you should familiarize yourself with these major OSHA websites https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/cranehoistsafety/index.html.

If you will be making unusual or significant lifts, you should read section 46 and understand it before proceeding.

All Observatory cranes are to be professionally inspected on an annual basis, and fixed immediately if not certified, or locked out if not fixed immediately. Cranes should be visually inspected before each use to determine that the cables are not frayed, hand controls work properly, and proper safety hooks are in use.