Job site:	Date:	
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Missed Signals

A signalman is a fully qualified, responsible individual with other duties. The signalman is the only person the operator of equipment looks to for signals.

- The signalman may also be referred to as a flagman or spotter, depending on which job site you are working.
- The signalman and the operator must both be alert every minute, so that no signal is badly timed, incorrectly given, or misunderstood. If signals are not understood, serious accidents and injuries can occur.
- Usually the signals used for hoisting equipment are standard hand signals that have been agreed upon by hundreds of construction and industry companies, and adopted by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).
- Nearby workers should not wave their hands or arms in an attempt to signal the operator. There is only one exception to this rule—anyone can give a signal to stop in an emergency. Upon receiving such a signal, the operator must stop immediately, no matter who gives the signal.
- Radio communication should be the primary source of communication on the job site. Hand signals should be used in combination with radio communication or as a final resort when all other means of communication have been exhausted.

Instructor Tips

 Demonstrate standard hand signals to workers.

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Reference: OSHA 29 CFR 1926.201

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