

WAC 296-24-29419 Safe operating practices. Whenever any sling is used, you must observe the following practices:

- (1) You must not use slings that are damaged or defective.
- (2) You must ensure that slings are not shortened with knots or bolts or other makeshift devices.
- (3) You must ensure that sling legs are not kinked.
- (4) Employers must not load a sling in excess of its recommended safe working load as prescribed by the sling manufacturer on the identification markings permanently affixed to the sling.
- (5) You must balance the loads of slings used in a basket hitch to prevent slippage.
- (6) You must securely attach slings to their loads.
- (7) You must ensure that slings are padded or protected from the sharp edges of their loads.
- (8) You must keep suspended loads clear of all obstructions.
- (9) You must ensure that all employees are kept clear of loads about to be lifted and of suspended loads.
- (10) You must ensure that hands or fingers are not placed between the sling and its load while the sling is being tightened around the load.
- (11) You must not engage shock loading.
- (12) You must not pull a sling from under a load when the load is resting on the sling.
- (13) You must not use slings without affixed and legible identification markings.

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