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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