

Be Safe

Caught in the Act

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Special points of interest:

- Lifting is a critical activity requiring strict compliance to safety requirements
- Re-orient all workers on safety requirements especially of critical activities
- The buck stops with the Site Manager who is the main person for the implementation of safety requirements in the job site.

Lifting in a Sandstorm

Khurais Projects. The sand storm is howling at more than 44kph from the north of Saudi Arabia since yesterday but it has reached its maximum at the Khurais Projects only today.

Once the windspeed reaches more than 20mph/32kph, lifting activities shall stop in all Saudi Aramco sites. This is in compliance to the safety requirements of SA GI 7.028 and the SA Safety Handbook on page 31.

However, this particular subcontractor was oblivious of this lifting safety guideline. This particular lifting activity violated a lot of safety provisions as follows:

1. Lifting in an adverse weather condition.
2. No safety helmets for all those involved in the lift.
3. No tag lines were used.
4. All & even the supervisor

in charge has no eye protection and dust mask.

5. Two of the workers are not wearing safety shoes.
6. No rigger is available.
7. No safety personnel to monitor this critical activity.

The supervisor admitted he is aware of the safety requirements but he just wanted to finish his work for the day.

The LSTK Safety Manager stopped the activity with a warning and instructions to all concerned to comply with ALL safety requirements ALL THE TIME.

Speaking of Dust / Sand....

Wear protective goggles when going out in dust/sandstorms.

Use a proper dust mask to prevent inhalation of dust and other contaminants (a Particulate Respirator N95 and above) shall be used .

Be sure you are familiar in the proper use and care of a dust mask.

Wear always your safety hardhat to protect you from hard flying objects in a sandstorm.

If it possible to stay indoors, stay indoors during a sandstorm

Get a proper advisory because driving out in a sandstorm is really dangerous.



If ever you have to drive out in a sandstorm, always inform someone of your travel plan especially the timing and destination.

Consult your safety officer in case you need more information about your protection in a sandstorm.