

## Leaving equipment or loads unattended

A crane operator must not leave the crane's controls unattended unless the following apply:

- The load has been landed in a safe position.
- The crane has been secured against inadvertent (accidental) movement.

### The hazards of leaving a crane unattended

If a crane is left unattended, the crane may move unintentionally. That's because the operator is not close enough to take effective action to stop any movement. In addition, extreme weather conditions, such as high winds, may cause the load to move. Unintentional movement of a crane or its load can result in serious injuries and property damage.

### How can a crane be left unattended safely?

An operator can leave the crane controls unattended for a short period (e.g., a lunch break) if the following conditions are met:

- The crane's hook is suspended.
- The crane is surrounded by barriers.



- Lights are put in place at night to ensure the crane is visible to drivers (e.g., of other mobile equipment).

In addition, the operator must secure the crane against inadvertent movement by engaging at least two effective braking or parking systems or devices, such as:

- The parking brake
- The manufacturer's swing brake for the transmission
- Chocks for the wheels

**OHS Regulation reference: section 16.9**

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Employer: .....

Supervisor: .....

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Shift: .....

Number in crew: .....

Number attending: .....

Other safety concerns or suggestions: .....

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Manager: .....  
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For more information on health and safety requirements for crane operations in B.C., refer to the *Workers Compensation Act* and the OHS Regulation on [worksafebc.com](http://worksafebc.com).