



SAFETY ALERT



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Preparing for Severe Weather – Crane and Outdoor Worksite Safety

Summary

Severe weather has become increasingly more apparent throughout Nova Scotia, often including high winds, heavy rains, and other hazardous weather conditions. The Safety Branch would like to emphasize the importance of workplace safety during these events, reminding everyone to plan ahead and take all necessary precautions to secure outdoor worksites.

With knowledge that construction and tower crane sites in the province come with some additional risk during these events, we urge you to be diligent to meet all safety standards and manufacturer's specifications for preparing for severe weather and prior to resuming work following a weather event. When your tower crane is left unattended, it must be able to turn freely in the wind and align itself with the direction the wind is blowing, thereby reducing the surface area of the structure exposed to the wind. Signage mounted anywhere on the rotating structure should be removed as it could cause interference with wind balancing. Also, any rigging, such as slings or chains, should be removed from the hook and the trolley stowed close to the tower with the block in its highest position.

When storms happen, unsecured equipment and debris can be a dangerous hazard. Please secure worksite materials appropriately to make sure they do not come into motion with the impending winds to ensure safety of those at or near worksites.

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