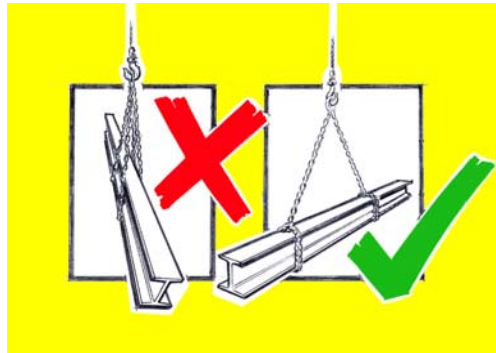


Trojan Horse Message Information Sheet

This sheet provides practical information on the successful implementation of the following Trojan Horse Message:

SLING SAFELY



Trojan Horse messages are eye-catching pictures placed on construction products and equipment, showing how to perform tasks safely. All messages are subject to a rigorous peer review process.

1 Health and Safety Issue

Slings steel components inappropriately during erection can lead to slippage of the component from the crane. This may have very serious consequences, varying from damage to materials to loss of life.

This message addresses the importance of slinging safely and indicates the correct way of slinging components, with the slings inclined at an angle of approximately 60° to the vertical.

Chains are preferable to fabric slings for steel erection. Slings, chains, clamps and shackles should be checked to ensure that they are correctly and safely fitted.

Any specialist lifting equipment e.g. grabs, must be used strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

Further information:

BCSA Code of practice for erection of multi-storey buildings, 2006

BCSA Code of practice for erection of low-rise buildings, 2004

2 Application of Message

It is recommended that this message is applied to a steel member after it has been painted. It should be applied at the fabrication works, before being transported to site.

A frequency of messaging of 1 in 10 components has been proved to be adequate.

3 Message Format

Messages can be printed A4 size, if the steel member is large enough. For smaller members, A5 or A6 size can be used. The message should be printed on laminated synthetic labels with a permanent adhesive backing to ensure adequate adhesion to the steel.

