

Safe lifting of plasterboard packs

When lifting packs of plasterboard with a crane, using the philosophy and the principles behind the hierarchy of controls, the CFMEU recommends the following lifting processes in order to provide the highest level of protection possible for both workers and the public:

Lifting Cage

Use a specifically designed and engineered lifting cage for the task. This will also require consideration of the correct size for crane-loading bays. This is best planned for at the design stage and/or commencement of the job.

OR

Choking the load

Place extra protection around the packs, to prevent any damage to the load. This protection must be secured to prevent any potential



Example of correct use of wrap, strap and ring lifting process, using oblong rings.

movement during the lifting process. The plasterboard sheets must also be secured by wrapping and/or strapping, to prevent any adverse movement during lifting.

OR

Wrap Strap and Ring

Wrap all plasterboard packs in plastic, and have strapping around the pack of plaster to help prevent sheets from moving. Oblong (rectangular) rings must be used

to secure the chains and hooks if the load is to be cradled in this way.

All pallets on which packs of plasterboard are delivered must be of good quality, to provide maximum strength. All packs of plasterboard delivered to site should be strapped.

Each of the above methods must be considered on its merits, and the particular circumstances found on your site must be taken into consideration when choosing one of the three options.

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