



What Does OSHA Require?

- Complete inspection of overhead cranes at intervals of at least every 12 months, and as often as every month depending upon the activity, severity of service and environment. OSHA 1910.179(j)(3)
- Inspection and load test prior to initial use of all new and altered cranes to ensure compliance of all function of hoisting and lowering, trolley travel, bridge travel, limit switches, locking and safety devices. OSHA 1910.179(j)(k)
- Inspection of cranes not in regular use. A crane which has been idle for a period of 1 month or more, but less than 6 months, shall be given an inspection conforming with requirements of OSHA 1910.179(j)(m)(2). A crane which has been idle for a period over 6 months shall be given an inspection conforming with requirements of OSHA 1910.179(j)(m)(2)(3).
- Monthly hook inspection with certification record which includes the date of inspection, the signature of the person who performed the inspection and the serial or ID number of the chain inspected. OSHA 1910.179(2)(iv)
- Monthly wire rope inspection with a certification record which includes the date of inspection, the signature of the person who performed the inspection and the serial or ID number of the rope inspected. OSHA 1910.179(m)
- A preventive maintenance program based on the manufacturer's recommendations shall be established. OSHA 1910.179(l)(1)
- Adjustments and repairs shall be done only by designated personnel. OSHA 1910.179 (3). Designated means selected or assigned by the employer's representative as being qualified to perform specific duties. OSHA 1910.179(a)(35)

All the above must be documented signed and dated. The records you maintain are the first thing an OSHA inspector will request.



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