



Working in the Wind

Working in the wind may require extra safety precautions while performing tasks related to construction work. High winds can affect many things from hoisting material to keeping your PPE in place, and could even call for rescheduling some tasks until the weather is calmer.

- **While manually handling material:**
Size up the load as you would in calmer weather but remember that the wind will make it more difficult to control. Get help if it can safely be handled by more people. If the material cannot be handled safely it may have to be put off until the weather is calmer.
- **Keep your work area clear of debris** that can become airborne in a gust of wind. Goggles instead of safety glasses may be appropriate while working in the wind.
- **While working in the wind** it may be more difficult to keep PPE positioned properly. A gust of wind can take your hard hat off, leaving you unprotected and possibly striking someone else.
- **Equipment and material** can become projectiles in the wind. A heavy gust of wind can pick up a sheet of plywood and send it through the air or blow down formwork or other items being constructed. Make sure all of your materials and formwork are secure.

- **Cranes and high profile equipment** can be hazardous in the wind. Material being hoisted may move erratically creating a hazard that you may not be able to control with tag lines. The crane itself can be hazardous to operate. Cranes are designed to lift heavy loads and are an indispensable tool on many construction sites but they are not designed to handle the side loading that may occur while the boom is in the air during high winds. The operator's manual will have guidelines and restrictions involving operating in high winds. They should be heeded.
- **Working in the wind** at the least is a nuisance, but if it creates a hazard that can't be controlled the work may have to be modified or rescheduled.

- Points to Take With You:**
- Wind can blow debris and material around. Keep your PPE on.
 - Cranes can become dangerous in the wind.

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