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TEAMWORK
IMPROVES SAFETY

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 <p>STOP – With arm extended horizontally to the side, palm down, arm is swung back and forth.</p>	 <p>EMERGENCY STOP – With both arms extended horizontally to the side, palms down, arms are swung back and forth.</p>	 <p>HOIST – With upper arm extended to the side, forearm and index finger pointing straight up, hand and finger make small circles.</p>
 <p>RAISE BOOM – With arm extended horizontally to the side, thumb points up with other fingers closed.</p>	 <p>SWING – With arm extended horizontally, index finger points in direction that boom is to swing.</p>	 <p>RETRACT TELESCOPING BOOM – With hands to the front at waist level, thumbs point at each other with other fingers closed.</p>
 <p>RAISE THE BOOM AND LOWER THE LOAD – With arm extended horizontally to the side and thumb pointing up, fingers open and close while load movement is desired.</p>	 <p>DOG EVERYTHING – Hands held together at waist level.</p>	 <p>LOWER – With arm and index finger pointing down, hand and finger make small circles.</p>
 <p>LOWER BOOM – With arm extended horizontally to the side, thumb points down with other fingers closed.</p>	 <p>EXTEND TELESCOPING BOOM – With hands to the front at waist level, thumbs point outward with other fingers closed.</p>	 <p>TRAVEL/TOWER TRAVEL – With all fingers pointing up, arm is extended horizontally out and back to make a pushing motion in the direction of travel.</p>
 <p>LOWER THE BOOM AND RAISE THE LOAD – With arm extended horizontally to the side and thumb pointing down, fingers open and close while load movement is desired.</p>	 <p>MOVE SLOWLY – A hand is placed in front of the hand that is giving the action signal.</p>	 <p>USE AUXILIARY HOIST (whipline) – With arm bent at elbow and forearm vertical, elbow is tapped with other hand. Then regular signal is used to indicate desired action.</p>
 <p>CRAWLER CRANE TRAVEL, BOTH TRACKS – Rotate fists around each other in front of body; direction of rotation away from body indicates travel forward; rotation towards body indicates travel backward.</p>	 <p>USE MAIN HOIST – A hand taps on top of the head. Then regular signal is given to indicate desired action.</p>	 <p>CRAWLER CRANE TRAVEL, ONE TRACK – Indicate track to be locked by raising fist on that side. Rotate other fist in front of body in direction that other track is to travel.</p>
 <p>TROLLEY TRAVEL – With palm up, fingers closed and thumb pointing in direction of motion, hand is jerked horizontally in direction trolley is to travel.</p>		

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