



## DETAILED INFORMATION

### BOAT LIFTING AND OTHER CRANE OR LIFTING OPERATIONS

This section deals with the Trust's requirements, as well as legal requirements, relating to any lifting or crane operations including boat lifting.

This information is intended to provide a clear methodology for the management of craft lifting operations on, or over/affecting, our property carried out by businesses or their representatives (e.g. contractors).

#### Legal Requirements

##### Legal Overview

There are many regulations covering work activities and the responsibility of those carrying them out. This document deals specifically with the requirements of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER) and best practice guidance contained in British Standard BS7121 Safe Use of Cranes.

LOLER places specific duties on those involved with lifting operations and guidance on who should carry them out.

- The key roles highlighted in the regulations are:
  - The "Appointed Person" (Craneage Planner)
  - Craneage Supervisor
  - Slinger/banksman
  - Crane Driver

The regulations also set out a clear strategy for the control of lifting operations and the use and maintenance of equipment associated with them.

To minimise the risk to anyone involved or who may be affected by a lifting operation The Trust requires all boat or other lifts carried out **on or over** our property to be completed under the standards set down in British Standard BS7121.

You should consider the use of any nearby suitable facilities, e.g. marina, boatyard etc. in the first instance for lifting operations.

## Canal & River Trust Requirements

All lifting operations carried out on, or affecting, our property, including lifting craft into or out of our canals or river navigations where we do not own the adjacent land, are classed as controlled work activities. This means that they must be appropriately planned and carried out by competent people.

At locations that are leased to a third party it is the responsibility of the lessee to ensure that any lifting operation carried out on land within their lease-hold is carried out within the requirements of LOLER.

At some locations applicants may ask us to carry out the lifting operation on their behalf. Where this is appropriate we will follow the procedure contained in our Lifting Operations Standard. **If the Trust is managing the lift then our National Contractor will be used (or a sub-contractor) appointed by them.**

The full costs of this will need to be met by the applicant.

Where the applicant has decided that they want to manage the lift themselves the Detailed Submission must demonstrate to our satisfaction that they have demonstrated competence to do so. **The submission will be checked in detail and consent may not be granted should the Trust have any concern about the lift or the competence/experience of the contractor.**

Where after careful consideration:

- we are comfortable that the applicant/their nominated agent and or contractor meets our requirements

Or

- we require further information

We will confirm our decision/need for further information in writing on the form "Acceptance/Request for Further information"

When confirming our acceptance for the lift to go ahead the Trust's competent person will provide the applicant (or his nominated competent contractor) with any information we believe necessary for the lifting operation to go ahead safely.

Issues such as ground conditions/stability, suitability for type of lifting equipment, weight of lifting appliance/craft, presence of underground or overhead services and information about any other hazards or safety concerns should be considered when processing the application. It may also be appropriate for the Trust's competent person to visit the site during the lift to check the terms of the lift are being met.

Whilst on site we would check the suitability of the lifting equipment and competence of those carrying out the lifting operation.

For example, this may include checking crane test & inspection sheets, driver training and log book are in order, and that slinger banksmen have been appropriately trained to sling craft.

**Please note:** Whilst on site if we have concerns about the lifting equipment, suitability of the chosen site or persons nominated to plan, manage and/or carry out the lifting operation we have the right to suspend the lift. Where this course of action is deemed appropriate the Trust's competent person on site should convey their decision to the person managing the lift (business owner / their agent) and a senior member of the local management team.

### **Competence of authorising person**

The person nominated to process the form should be a competent person as set down in our Safety Standard for Lifting Operations (MS-Ops-25)

This will also ensure that the application is processed to meet the requirements of LOLER and BS7121.

### **Insurance**

Owners, their nominated representatives / contractors wishing to lift craft on or over our property will be expected to provide a copy of a certificate of insurance which should be:

- valid for the duration of the works and
- Provide sufficient cover for loss or damage to the craft under repair and third party liability to cover any accident, injury or loss caused by the works. Such cover should be a minimum £5,000,000 third party liability but may need to be higher in some circumstances.

### **Young Children in the workplace**

To minimise the risk to minors we also request that children and young persons under the age of 18 are not permitted to enter the work area.

### **Environmental Impacts**

In order to safeguard the environment, we will complete an environmental appraisal of your proposal to highlight any known environmental and heritage issues associated with your proposal.

The information contained in our response to your application is intended to highlight issues that may be of concern to us, local planning authorities and/or other regulatory bodies. It will be necessary for you to address any issues raised before permission is granted.

### **Consents**

You may have to provide with information to demonstrate that all necessary consents are in place OR consent is not required before our approval is granted and an appropriate agreement entered into.

The applicant is advised to enter into early discussions with the Council in respect of any planning application.

**Utilities**

It is the applicant's responsibility to take appropriate steps to identify any services in the vicinity of the works and to ensure that all works are planned and executed in accordance with the guidelines set out by the statutory undertakers / service providers.