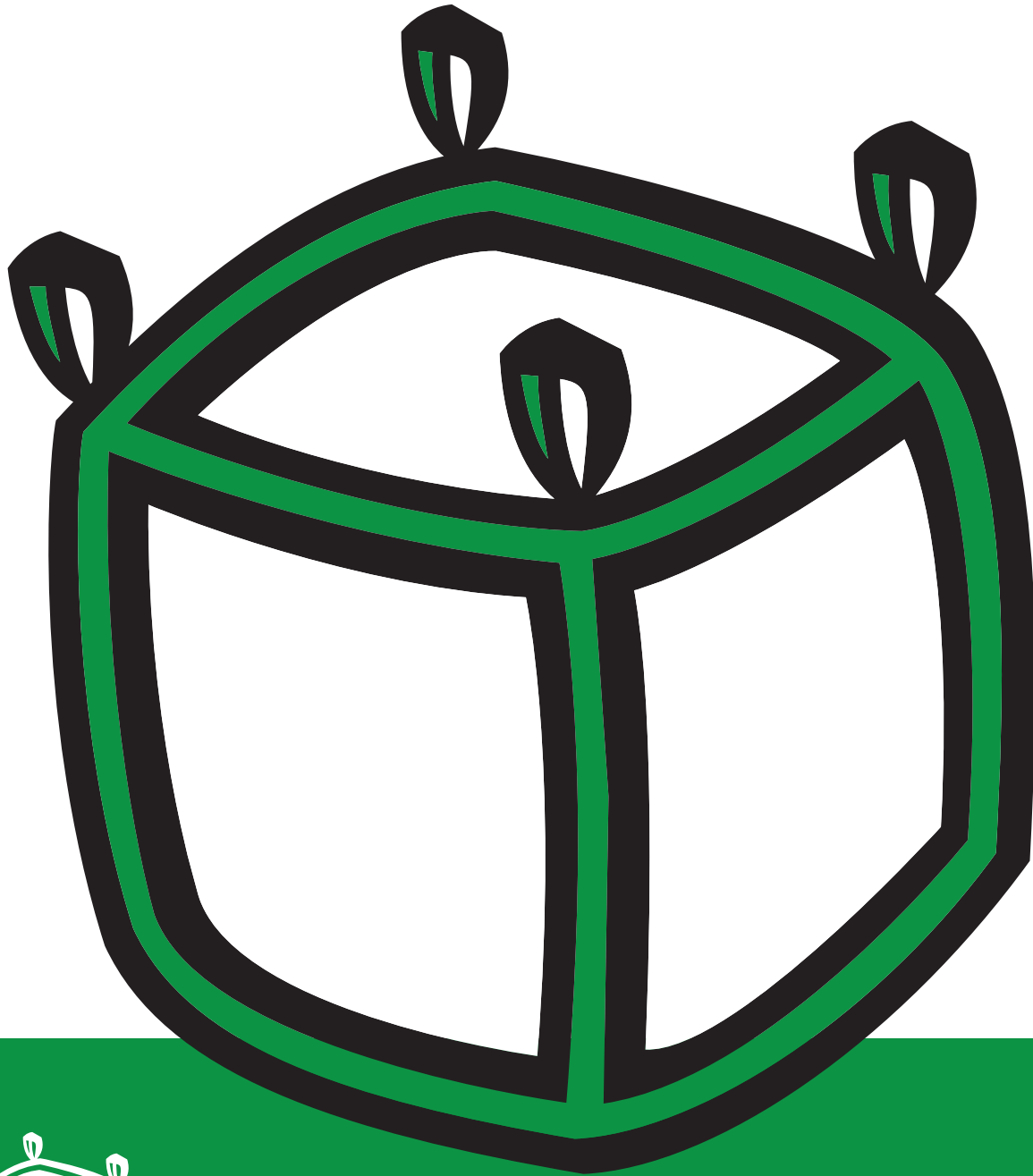


# FIBC Handling Guidelines

## Part 3: Handling FIBCs with Cranes or Hoists



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# Handling FIBCs with Cranes or Hoists

When handling FIBCs with cranes or hoists, it is important to review the suggested guidelines below, along with any other safe handling guidelines specific to your product and facility.

## WHEN USING A CRANE OR HOIST ALWAYS ENSURE...

The FIBC is free from any damage that would compromise its strength

You use a crane or hoist with a rated capacity sufficient to support the filled FIBC.

The crane hooks, bars or fork-lift tines used for lifting are free from sharp edges or protrusions. Crane hooks, bars or fork-lift tines must be of adequate size with edges rounded to at least the thickness of the lift loops, sleeves, etc. used to support the FIBC. The radius must be a minimum of 5 mm.

Any devices used to handle FIBCs are designed for FIBCs and adhere to approved handling methods.

All lift loops or sleeves are vertical to prevent damaging lateral forces.

A FIBC is suspended per the manufacturer's instructions and using all lift loops, sleeves, etc provided.

The rated capacity of any device used to suspend or support a filled FIBC is of sufficient strength capacity.

A FIBC is raised and lowered smoothly.

Always ensure you have a clear line of site before moving a FIBC.

All personnel are safely clear of any potential hazards.

You adhere to the FIBC manufacturer's recommendations and any instructions printed on the label or FIBC.

You adhere to all applicable regulatory and safety requirements.



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## **WARNING**

### WHEN USING A CRANE OR HOIST

Never handle a damaged FIBC.

Never exceed the rated lifting capacity of the crane or hoist.

Never handle FIBCs with a device not designed for FIBCs.

Never lift a FIBC if the lift loops, sleeves, etc. are not vertical.

Never gather loops to lift with one hook, unless the FIBC is specifically designed and approved by the manufacturer for that specific use.

Never suspend a FIBC using fewer lift loops, sleeves, etc than have been provided.

Never subject a FIBC to sudden lifts or sudden stops.

Never move the FIBC if your line of sight is blocked.

Never allow personnel under a suspended FIBC.

Never allow personnel to place an arm or other appendage under a suspended FIBC.

Never handle a FIBC in a manner not specifically approved by the FIBC manufacturer.

Never deviate from applicable regulatory and safety requirements.



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