To ensure safety on the worksite it is imperative that crane operators and signallers are on the same page when communicating hoisting signals. Clear communication is key when it comes to work of this nature and the slightest miscommunication can be fatal to the signaller, crane operator and other workers on the worksite.

Therefore, Occupational Health and Safety regulations indicate that signallers are required when the operator does not have a clear unobstructed view of the:

- Pick up point
- Setting point and the load
- Hook with no load

In addition, the employer or contractor must designate a signaller for the task(s) to be completed. They must train signallers to carry out their duties competently to ensure their safety and the safety of others. Signallers are required to use signals that are appropriate and are of an approved standard. Signallers must also be identified by the use of high visibility clothing, armlets or vest.

To ensure signals are understood, the crane operator must review the signals to be used with the signaller prior to hoisting operations. Also, when there is doubt as to the meaning of a signal, no response should be made.

Refer to the following standard hoisting signals:

- Hoist
- Multiple Trolleys
- Bridge Travel
- Lower
- Stop
- Emergency Stop
- Trolley Travel
- Dog Everything