

# Know Your Hand Signals!

## Basic Standard Hand Signals for Cranes and Hoisting Equipment



**HOIST:** With forearm vertical, and forefinger pointing up, move hand in small horizontal circle.



**LOWER:** With arm extended downward, forefinger pointing down, move hand in a small horizontal circle.



**RAISE BOOM:** Arm extended, fingers closed, thumb pointing upward.



**LOWER BOOM:** Arm extended, fingers closed, thumb pointing downward.



**EXTEND BOOM:** Both fists in front of body with thumbs pointing outward.



**RETRACT BOOM:** Both fists in front of body with thumbs pointing toward each other.



**SWING:** Arm extended, point with finger in direction of desired boom swing.



**STOP DOG EVERYTHING:** Clasp hands in front of body.



**MOVE SLOWLY:** Use one hand to give any motion signal and place the other hand motionless in front of the hand giving the signal.



**TRAVEL:** Arm extended forward, hand open and slightly raised, make pushing motion in direction of travel.



**USE MAIN HOIST:** Tap fist on head; then use regular signals.



**USE WHIP LINE (AUXILIARY HOIST):** Tap elbow with one hand; then use regular signals.



**STOP:** Arm extended, palm down, move arm back and forth horizontally.



**RAISE THE BOOM AND LOWER THE LOAD:** With arm extended, thumb pointing up, flex fingers in and out as long as load movement is desired.



**LOWER THE BOOM AND RAISE THE LOAD:** With arm extended, thumb pointing down, flex fingers in and out as long as load movement is desired.



**EMERGENCY STOP:** Both arms extended, palms down, move arms back and forth horizontally.

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