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Mobile District Safety and Occupational Health Office
Signal Person Qualifications

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The 15 September 2008 Safety Manual (Yellow Book) is now in effect for most new contracts and government operations. Please note the changes for signal persons as stated below.

16.B.07 Signal Person Qualifications

- a. The employer shall insure that the signal person is qualified either by a third party qualified evaluator or the employer's qualified evaluator.
- b. The qualification means that the evaluator has assessed the individual's capabilities and knowledge and has determined that the individual meets the following qualification requirements:
 - (1) Know and understand the type of signals used (radio, cell, hand, etc). If hand signals are used, the signal person must know and understand the Standard Method for hand signals.
 - (2) Be competent in the application of the type of signals used.
 - (3) Have a basic understanding of crane operation and limitations, including crane dynamics involved in swinging and stopping loads and boom deflection from hoisting loads.
 - (4) Demonstrate that he/she meets the requirements above through a practical test.

