



**WorkSafe BC regulations require riggers to be “qualified”.**

“Rigging is the use of fibre ropes, wire ropes, chains, slings, or other attachments to lift and move objects. Rigging can only be performed by [qualified workers](#) or under the direct supervision of qualified workers. [Crane operators](#) must be certified. People working around rigging should also be trained on safe rigging practices.”

**WorkSafe BC Regulations (Part 15 - Rigging; Part 1 - Definitions)**

### **15.2 Qualified riggers**

Rigging and slinging work must be done by or under the direct supervision of qualified workers familiar with the rigging to be used and with the code of signals authorized by the Board for controlling hoisting operations.

### **1.1 Definitions**

“*qualified*” means being knowledgeable of the work, the hazards involved and the means to control the hazards, by reason of education, training, experience or a combination thereof

The level of qualification required depends on the complexity and risks associated with the specific rigging task. For example, the rigging education, training and experience required to rig a garbage skip with four engineered lift points is much less than rigging a large irregularly shaped piece of machinery with no engineered lift points that is to be lifted and then turned.

Fulford’s *Rigging Fundamentals* course includes how to make a lift plan, calculate load weights, determine the load centre of gravity, correctly size and inspect the rigging and apply appropriate hitches. This knowledge applies to any rigging task. The *Advanced Rigging* program builds from this foundational knowledge for more complex rigging jobs.