

Industrial/ Operations Ergonomic Reference Guide

Material Handling		
Back	Awkward twisting, jerking, bending, and overreaching should be avoided if able.	
Arm/ Shoulder	Carrying or holding heavy loads for long periods of time should be avoided.	HEATY
	Arms should not be raised above the head for extended periods of time if avoidable.	

Lifting	Heavy Loads should be lifted in a smooth motion by bending at the knees and not the back/ waist.		
	Team lifts should be used when appropriate to lift heavy loads.	NEAVY	
	Heavy-lifting tasks should be alternated with light tasks. Periodic breaks and pauses should also be utilized.		
Tools			
Hand/ wrist	When using tools, hands and wrists should remain in the neutral position.		
	Tools should fit comfortably in hand and not cause discomfort from tools shape or contact surfaces.		
Tools	All tools should be free of defects and not excessively worn.		
Work surfaces	Work Surfaces should be clean and slip resistant.		

PPE	Personal Protective Equipment should be used when necessary.
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