

REQUIREMENT: Lift Director

1 RCNY 3319-02 has expanded the requirement for a Lift Director to all cranes or derricks that require a certificate of on-site inspection (CN) or that are subject to the Master Rigger exemption.

When is a Lift Director be required?

- Crawler Cranes with a lattice boom or jib – currently required
- Tower Cranes – May 24, 2017
- Derricks – May 24, 2017
- Master Rigger Jobs – May 24, 2017
- All other Cranes – July 1, 2017 if the CN is issued on or after that date

Who can be the Lift Director?

- A Lift Director **must** meet the Building Code requirements for both a *competent person* and a *qualified person*.
- Existing personnel may be designated as a Lift Director. However, the Site Safety Manager, Site Safety Coordinator, Registered Construction Superintendent, Concrete Safety Manger, or Construction Site Fire Safety Manager at the site may not serve as a Lift Director, nor may the person operating the crane or derrick serve as a Lift Director.
- If the job is supervised by a Master Rigger, the licensed Rigger or a designated Foreman **must** serve as the Lift Director.

Does the Lift Director replace the Crane Safety Coordinator?

Yes. Once a Lift Director has been designated, a Crane Safety Coordinator is no longer required.

How is the Lift Director designated?

The Equipment User may designate the Primary Lift Director by submitting a CD-12 form to the Department's Cranes & Derricks unit.

In the event the Primary Lift Director is temporarily unavailable (illness, vacation, etc.), the Equipment User may designate an alternate Lift Director. The designation of an

alternate Lift Director **must** be recorded in the Crane or Derrick log maintained at the jobsite.

The Department's Cranes & Derricks Unit **must** be notified of any change to the Primary Lift Director and of any occurrence where alternate Lift Director acts in the place of the Primary Lift Director for a period longer than two consecutive weeks.

Does the Lift Director have to be present at the site?

Yes. A Lift Director must be present at the site when any of the following occur:

1. The Crane or Derrick is picking a load.
2. The Crane is traveling at the site, including but not limited to being moved onto or off of cribbing or up or down a ramp.
3. The Crane or Derrick is being placed into a parked condition or otherwise being taken out of service.
4. The Crane's or Derrick's boom/jib is being laid down or jackknifed.
5. The Crane's or Derrick's boom/jib is being raised from a laid down or jackknifed position.
6. Other special protective measures for wind are being installed or removed.

What are the duties of a Lift Director?

The duties of a Lift Director are specified in 1 RCNY 3319-02. Among other items, the Lift Director must hold pre-shift meetings with the Hoisting Machine Operator and rigging crew, ensure that traffic and pedestrian controls are in place, and ensure that weather conditions and forecasts are monitored.