



The BDA has been made aware by some of its members of a potential competency gap, when using excavators for lifting operations.

Excavator drivers and slingers should be adequately trained and assessed to undertake their respective roles in lifting operations. This training is additional to the training required for operating the machine as an excavator



The Construction Plant-hire Association (CPA) has produced Guidance titled Lifting Operations with 180 and 360 Excavators and is available to download from the [Plant Safety Group | Construction Plant-hire Association \(cpa.uk.net\)](http://Plant Safety Group | Construction Plant-hire Association (cpa.uk.net)) or the QR code.

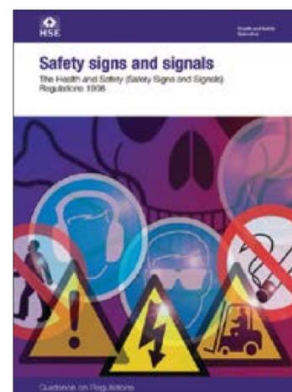


## Information Alert

CPCS Introduced Lifting Operations Endorsement for **A58 / A59 Excavator 360 Above and Below 10 tonnes** in August 2012.

However, it must be noted that these endorsements do not require the candidate to demonstrate any performance competency associated with Signs and Signal.

Therefore, please be reminded that Slinger Signallers are an essential requirement in any environment where you are carrying out lifting operations. Please do not assume that because you sent an employee on a course to teach them to use a specific type of machine to lift items, that the course will also teach that same person to sling correctly and understand or carry out signalling for the same purpose. Check any training content to ensure the course your employee attended has a slinger signaller element or do a separate course.



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