

HELICOPTER SAFETY RULES *

SECTION VIII HELICOPTER SLING LOADS

1. All persons working as hookup crews with sling loads will wear goggles to protect eyes and to allow visibility in blowing sand and dust.
2. Static electricity discharge wands will be used by all hookup crews.
3. Steel helmets will not be worn by hookup crews unless chin straps are securely fastened.
4. Personnel will place their body or portions of their body between the load and the aircraft only when absolutely necessary to effect hookup and then only with extreme caution.
5. Hookup crews will remain with sling load until positive that sling straps are not fouled on equipment.
6. When hookup is completed, crews will immediately clear the load and then signal for completion of pickup by helicopter.
7. Personnel will never move under the load or to front of load or helicopter.
8. When receiving sling loads, crews will not approach loads until the aircraft has released the load and departed.
9. All personnel and equipment will be out of approach and departure lanes used by helicopters picking up or dropping sling loads.

SECTION IX ARMED HELICOPTERS

1. Armed helicopters are designed for one purpose---destruction! Never get directly in front of or to the rear of helicopters armed with rockets or machine guns.
2. Never tamper with weapons, mounts or sights on armed helicopters.

*Extract from unit SOP