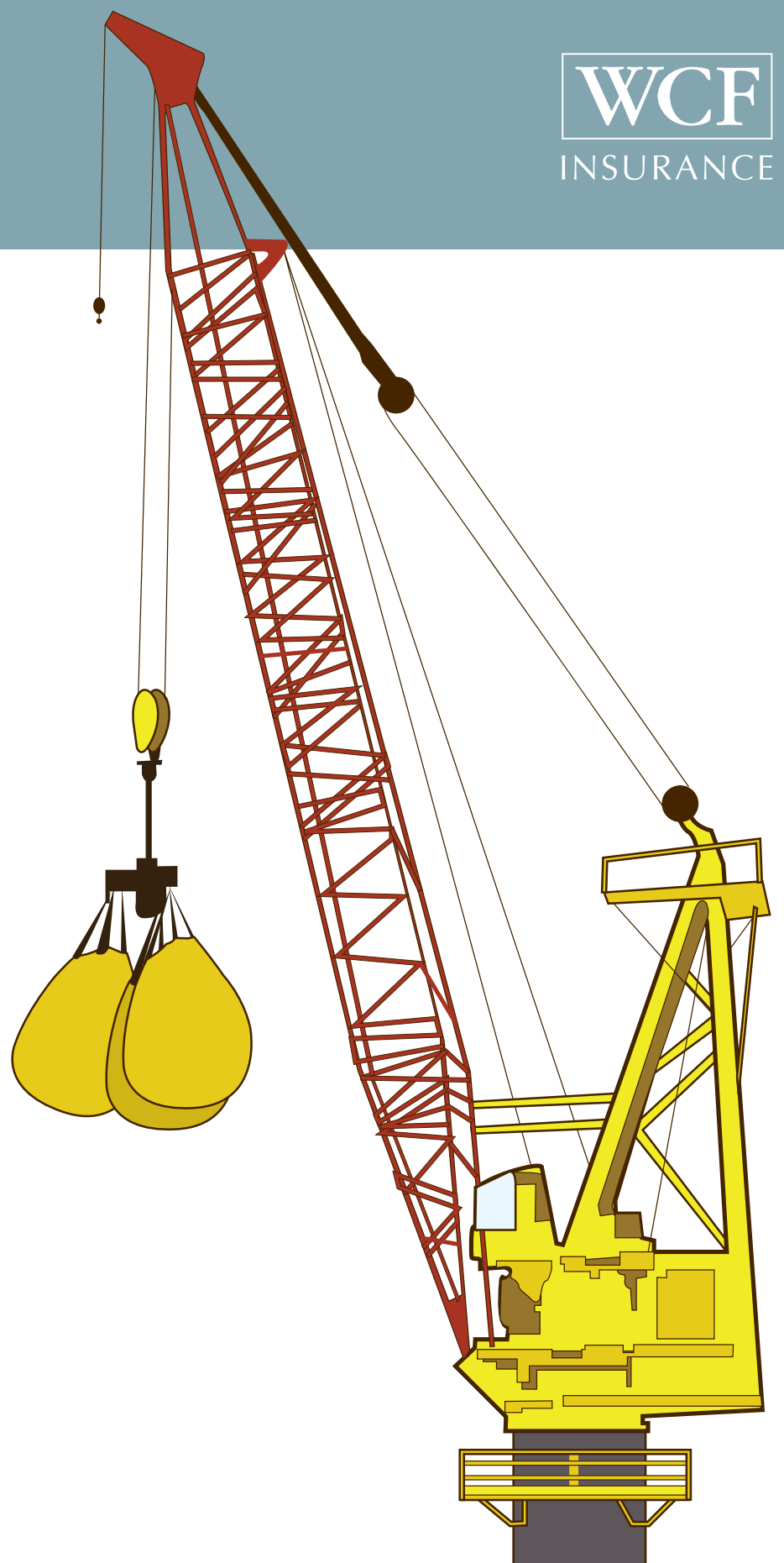


CRANE SAFETY

Crane accidents occur with less frequency than the more typical construction accidents. However, when there is a crane accident, it is usually severe. Take the following precautions to prevent workplace accidents on the construction site.



GUIDELINES

INSPECT CRANES DAILY

Cranes should be inspected daily prior to each use, monthly, and annually. In addition, to the machinery, the rigging equipment should also be inspected on a daily basis. The inspection and service requirements for rigging equipment can be found in OSHA 1926.251.

Crane accidents are preventable if the machine is properly set up, properly inspected, and maintained. Use within the operational limitations established by the manufacturer, and safely rig the load.

USE SAFE RIGGING

Always use safe rigging practices. The latch in the hook throat opening should never be tied back. Never suspend employees from a crane, and avoid the use of crane-suspended personal work platforms.

KNOW THE CRANE

Remember that the key to crane safety rests with a qualified operator who understands the equipment limitations, knows how to interpret a load chart, and, most importantly, is experienced. All operators must be NCCCO certified.