A. This procedure applies to slings used in conjunction with other material handling equipment for the movement of material by hoisting. The types of slings covered are those made from alloy steel chain, wire rope, metal mesh, natural or synthetic fiber rope (conventional three strand construction), and synthetic web (nylon, polyester and polypropylene).

B. Each day before use, the employee using the crane, hoist or sling will inspect it. A designated person well versed in the posted inspection requirements will make additional inspections for damage or defects on all fastenings and attachments as conditions warrant.

C. A departmental record shall be made annually and maintained of inspections, as well as a certificate of proof testing. Proof testing shall be a non-destructive tension test performed by a sling manufacturer or an equivalent entity to verify construction and workmanship of the sling. Each new, repaired, or reconditioned sling shall be proof tested. Additionally, proof testing, recordkeeping, inspection, etc. shall be in accordance to the latest code governing the same.

D. All cranes, hoists and slings will be permanently affixed with identification tags which include size, grade, rated capacity and reach.