

Hand Signals for Crane Operations



Stop—Open palm facing down, move arm back and forth horizontally.



Emergency Stop—Same signal using both arms in repeated motion.



Dog Everything—Clasp hands in front of body. Means stop and wait for instructions.



Hoist Up—With forearm vertical, point forefinger up and move in small circles.



Hoist Down—With forearm vertical, point forefinger down and move in small circles.



Swing—Extend arm and point in the direction of swing.



Boom Up—Extend arm, close fingers and point thumb up.



Boom Down—Extend arm, close fingers and point thumb down.



Move Slowly—use one hand to give signal, place other hand motionless above or below.

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Boom Up & Lower Load—
Extend arm, open and close
fingers, and point thumb up.



Boom Down & Raise Load—
Extend arm, open and close
fingers, and point thumb up.



Use Main Hoist—Tap hand on
head, then use regular signals.



Retract Boom—Place fists in
front of body with thumbs
pointing in.



Extend Boom—Place fists in
front of body with thumbs
pointing out.



Use Auxiliary Hoist—Tap elbow
with hand, then use regular
signals..

Legendary service requires legendary safety.

Clear and regular communication is vital for safe and effective crane operations. Use this chart to ensure everyone on your jobsite is on the same page for consistently safe and accident-free lifts.

At Bigfoot Crane Company we are passionate about contributing to the safety and efficiency of jobsites across BC. Whether by providing our own legendary service in crane installation and operations, or just by sharing our own expertise in the area, we will always be there to add value to your project.