

This one-page document provides a summary of the minimum expectations for using load control devices. To prevent hand injuries and improve control during lifting and rigging operations, our district enforces a strict “No Hands-on Loads” policy.

NO HANDS ON THE LOAD:

Personnel shall not place hands on loads during lifting, positioning, or guiding operations. Approved tools such as tag lines, push sticks, or other mechanical aids must be used to maintain control and distance from the load. This reinforces our commitment to eliminating manual contact with loads and ensuring safe rigging practices across all projects. This approach minimizes pinch points, crush hazards, and unexpected load shifts, keeping hands safely out of harm’s way.

Push Stick Solutions:

Use the right tool for the task:

Multi-Grab Stick

- *Best For: Versatile tasks involving varied load types*
- *Use When: You need one tool for multiple load configurations or dynamic environments*

Magnetic Push Stick

- *Best For: Controlling metal loads without slipping*
- *Use When: Working with steel or ferrous materials; need extra stability during movement*

Steer Stick

- *Best For: Fine-tuned control of load direction*
- *Use When: Navigating tight spaces or guiding loads around obstacles*

Examples of approved Push Sticks:

Item		SKU
SAFE-T-STIK Lite 40		STS006-40
STEER-STIK 56 - Hands Free Load Guiding Tool		STE001
MULTI-GRAB II Magnetic Material Handling Tool		MG002
STEER-STIK Lite 48 - Hands Free Load Guiding Tool		STEL48
SAFE-T-STIK Lite 16		STS006-16