



# SAFETY ALERT



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## Crane & Worksite Safety – Imminent Weather

### Summary

A major autumn weather event is forecasted to approach the region this weekend. Environment Canada is forecasting this storm as more of a rain event for this area, however, some wind gusts of approximately 80 km/hr or greater are expected along the Atlantic coast.

With knowledge that construction and tower crane sites in the province come with some additional risk during these events, we urge you to be diligent to meet all safety precautions. When your tower crane is left unattended, it must be able to turn freely in the wind and align itself with the direction the wind is blowing, thereby reducing the surface area of the structure exposed to the wind. Signage mounted anywhere on the rotating structure should be removed as it could cause interference with wind balancing. Also, any rigging, such as slings or chains, should be removed from the hook and the trolley stowed close to the tower with the block in its highest position.

When storms happen, we often receive complaints related to construction debris. Please place and secure worksite materials and debris appropriately to make sure they do not come into motion with the impending winds to ensure safety of those at or near worksites.

Thank you for your continued diligence in ensuring the health and safety of all Nova Scotians; this should be everyone's number one priority.

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