

<b><u>DIVISION OF MINES GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION OF REGULATORY STANDARDS MANUAL</u></b>	
<b>COAL MINE SAFETY ACT</b>	<b>CHAPTER 14.3</b>
<b>ARTICLE 2</b>	<b>ROOF, RIB AND FACE CONTROL</b>
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**Section 45.1-161.115. D.**

**Supplies of Materials for Supports**

**Availability of Emergency Lifting Devices:**

The intent of this section of the MSA is that appropriate lifting devices having a rated capacity be immediately available at each underground mine for emergency use. The inspector should consider the following when checking these lifting devices:

- That each lifting device be rated to lift at least 20 tons and that a total of 80 tons lifting capacity is available.
- That the lifting devices are located or stored so as to be immediately available.
- That the required lifting devices are in good condition and complete with all required components.

The MSA does not specify the type lifting devices required. Rated pneumatic or hydraulic systems are acceptable. Lifting devices may be used for other than emergency response. However, the mine inspector should determine that mine personnel can locate and respond immediately with the required lifting devices. Also, the mine inspector should check the lifting devices under load to determine their operating condition.