# WORKSAFE SERVICES DIVISION
# OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY
# LEGISLATIVE INTERPRETATIONS

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| **Topic** | Hoisting apparatus - Definition | Issued by: V.P., WorkSafe Services |
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"Hoisting apparatus means mobile cranes, tower cranes, electric overhead traveling cranes, vehicle hoists, winches, and other similar equipment, but does not include elevators, dumbwaiters, or mine hoists."

**Question**

Do chainfalls with a 2-ton capacity fall under the category of hoisting apparatus? Do the people repairing this type of lifting equipment have to be certified by some agency or can a competent person repair chainfalls?

**Response**

A chainfall falls within the meaning of "and other similar apparatus" in the definition of "hoisting apparatus". Any device or piece of equipment that is used for lifting or lowering material or equipment is considered a hoisting apparatus. Examples are:

- come-a-long used to lift
- jacks
- manual hoists
- lever operated hoists
- hand chain hoists
- manual pullers
- etc.

It should be noted that, since the June 2001 amendments, the exemption for hoisting apparatus with a lifting capacity of less then 1815 kg applies only to the logbook requirement.

Those who repair the equipment do not have to be certified by an agency but must be competent. A competent person would include a certified mechanic or a person who met the requirements of the definition of "competent" in the regulation.