

# DISPOSAL OF DAMAGED OR FAILED ALLOY CHAIN SLINGS

CUT OFF  
MASTER  
LINKS &  
HOOKS

CUT INTO 3'  
TO 4' SECTIONS  
TO PREVENT  
USE OF ANY  
SALVAGEABLE  
LENGTHS  
OF CHAIN

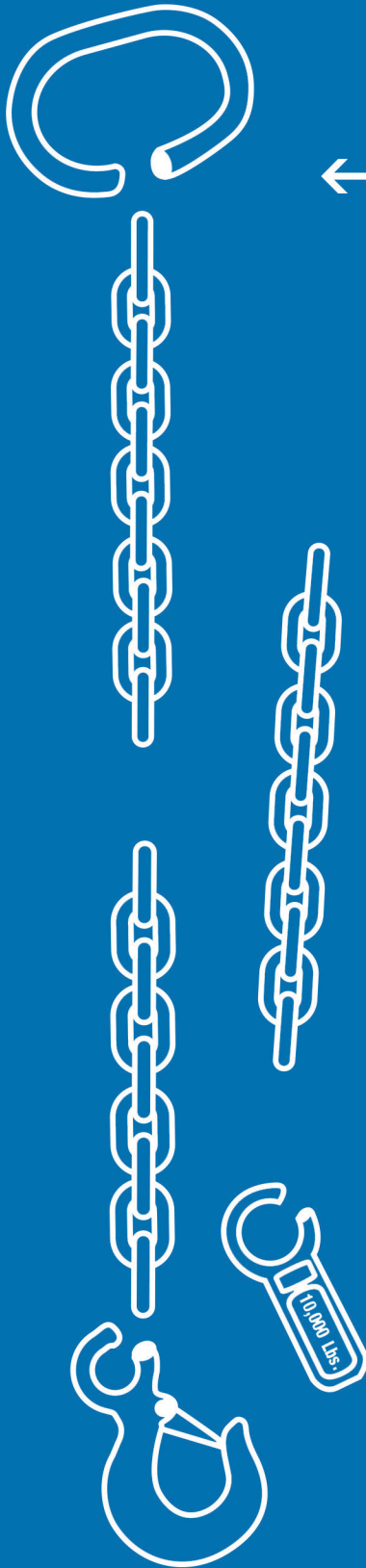
REMOVE,  
OR SEPARATE,  
ANY TAGS  
AND LABELS

While chain slings are ideal for lifting applications because of their strength, they're still susceptible to being damaged to the point where they are no longer safe to keep in operation. Environmental factors such as exposure to extreme heat or chemicals, wear beyond specified tolerances, stretching, kinks or binding, and nicks or gouges in the links, can all be criteria for removal from service.

## REMOVAL CRITERIA:

- Cracks or breaks
- Excessive wear, nicks or gouges
- Evidence of heat damage
- Weld splatter
- Chain or components do not hinge freely
- Stretched, bent, twisted or deformed chain links or components
- Missing or illegible sling identification
- Other damage that would cause doubt

**USE PROPER PPE WHEN HANDLING PIECES OF CUT CHAIN — CUTTING CAN LEAVE SHARP EDGES AND METAL BURRS!** Because there are no OSHA, ANSI, WSTD, or AWRP standards or clear instruction for the disposal of damaged or failed lifting materials, the information listed above are suggested best practices.



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