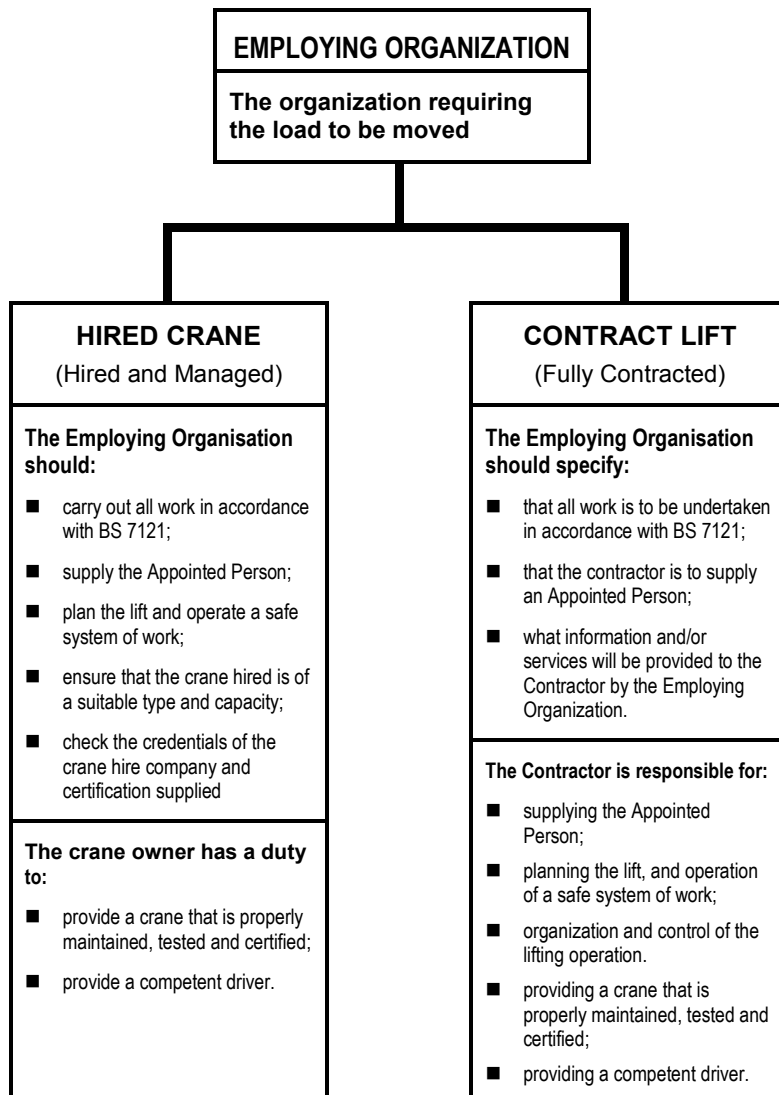




In general in the UK construction industry, any organization requiring a load to be moved by crane, which does not have its own craneage, has two basic options: hiring a crane (Hired Crane) or employing a contractor to carry out the lifting operation (Contract Lift). The difference between the two options is summarized below:-



Where a tower crane is being hired in by a contractor, the erection and dismantling of the crane will be carried out by the tower crane supplier who has overall responsibility for the operation. Once the tower crane has been erected, thoroughly examined and handed over to the Contractor (Hirer) then all lifting operations using that crane are the sole responsibility of the Hirer as summarised in the left hand column (Hired Crane) of the diagram above.

**Tower cranes are not hired under Contract Lift conditions and the responsibility for their safe operation, once commissioned, always remains with the organisation hiring in the crane.**

**Note:** Further information on these matters is given in British Standard BS 7121-5:2006 *Code of practice for the safe use of cranes – Tower cranes*