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IATSE LOCAL 52 JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Rigging Gaffer
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The Rigging Gaffer is responsible for all lights hanging from the grid or from the set. He or she is the head of the Rigging Electric Department and is responsible for executing the Gaffer's vision. The Rigging Gaffer makes sure all lighting equipment is set up and ready to go so that the Gaffer can tweak and finalize the lighting design.

Duties:

The Rigging Gaffer, with his or her crew, has two main responsibilities:

The first responsibility is to set up all lighting necessary for a shot as per the Gaffer and Director of Photography. The Rigging Gaffer often scouts the location, anticipating any needs, and then plans accordingly. This includes determining the tools needed, ordering the equipment, and getting it transported to the filming location.

Secondly, they work closely with the Shooting Electric Dept as well as other off set departments (Set Dressing/Rigging Grips and Construction)

Skills & Education:

The Rigging Gaffer must have strong leadership qualities enabling them to hire, manager, and motivate their department.