



# Safety Alert

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## UNSECURED COVER FRACTURES ARM

### WHAT HAPPENED:

While rigging up a rig, a floorman working with members of his crew noticed a cover falling off the back of the Driller's console. He tried to stop the cover from falling onto another crewmember by blocking it. The cover was too heavy for him to control and it fell on him, fracturing his arm.

### WHAT CAUSED IT:

The incident occurred because the cover had not been properly secured after it was removed and left in an unsafe position. Little consideration had been given to the possible hazard created by this unsafe act.

### CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

1. Safety is everyone's responsibility. When you see an unsafe act or condition, stop and correct it. That is the smart thing to do.
2. Do not take short cuts and sacrifice safety at any time. More time is lost when an accident happens than when we take a few moments needed to correct a hazard when it is first noticed.
3. If any items cannot be properly secured during rig-up or other operations, ensure that they are kept in a position that keeps them from falling or creating other hazards.
4. Take time to discuss and advise employees of the possible dangers of unsecured parts and equipment.
5. A Job Safety Analysis (JSA) is a helpful tool in identifying and avoiding potential hazards. Information on performing JSAs can be found in the *IADC Accident Prevention Reference Guide*.

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