



Safety Alert

From the International Association of Drilling Contractors

ALERT 06 – 10

STANDING ON CASING RESULTS IN AN LTI

WHAT HAPPENED:

IP was rolling casing from pipe rack towards cat walk. There were 2 rows of casing and he was rolling one from half empty top row while standing on bottom row. The fork lift was trying to move one casing joint from the top row to catwalk. The IP saw that the joint was slowly rolling towards him. Thinking that he might get hit, he jumped from a height of 1.06m (3.44 ft). While trying to break the jump, he landed on his right palm and strained his wrist and palm. X-ray was taken revealing wrist fracture of metatarsal bone.

Recreation of the incident:



WHAT CAUSED IT:

1. Man was rolling casing while standing on top of a layer of casing on the pipe rack.
2. Inadequate staff at the time of the task. Lone roustabout rolled pipes as he relieved fellow roustabout to have tea.
3. The hazards of working casing on the pipe rack were conveyed to the staff during the Tool Box Talk at the start of the shift.
4. The Forklift operator was relatively new, more skilful lifting of the pipe could avoid the adjacent pipe from being rolled down. (indirect cause)
5. Lack of Hazard Awareness: Pipe rolling and falling from height hazards were not appreciated and understood by the IP.

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CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: to address this incident, this company did the following:

1. The Toolpushers and HSEA personnel carried out lateral learning on trip and fall hazard for all company rigs.
2. There were separate meetings held with crew and Rig management, to nominate Safety Champions to enhance site safety as per Hearts and Minds initiative. This process is ongoing.
3. The company instituted efforts to improve Field Operations and safety standards by utilizing dedicated field trainers. This process is on going. Two dedicated trainers are identified and are to join the Team this week.

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