



Safety Alert

From the International Association of Drilling Contractors

ALERT 11 – 13

RIG MOVE - CAUGHT BETWEEN TRUCK AND LOAD

WHAT HAPPENED:

The rig moving crew was loading rig equipment in order to move to a new location. A Pre-Tour meeting had been held with both crews. A floorman (injured person [IP]) was caught between the generator house skid and the truck that was backing up to prepare to load the generator house. Another driver observed the IP caught between the truck and generator house and shouted for the truck driver to stop. Due to this driver's attention, the IP avoided more serious injury. The IP was taken to the hospital for precautionary X-rays, which came back negative and he was released to return to duty. The worker suffered some pain at his chest area and minor bruising.

WHAT CAUSED IT:

- The IP was not aware of the hazard of placing himself between the generator and the moving truck.
- The IP put himself in an improper position for the task, without communicating to others his intentions.
- The truck driver could not see the IP behind the truck trailer bed.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: To address this incident, this company instructed all rig personnel in the following:

- Reminded the crew involved in moving the rig that in the past few months there have been several crushing type incidents throughout the oil and gas drilling industry that have resulted in injury and even the death of personnel.
- We must learn from the mistakes made by others so that we don't experience the same results ourselves.
- Pre-job meetings, Job Safety Analysis, STOP™, and Safety in Motion are all tools that are designed to help us eliminate unsafe conditions.
- We must use our training and past experiences to eliminate these unsafe conditions that exist, in order to minimize the chance of injury to ourselves and our fellow workers.
- Communication is the key to working safely.
- Each individual must use a questioning attitude on every job we do. If there is a possibility that you or another employee might be injured, the job must be stopped and evaluated for a safer work procedure to be followed. One moment of caution could save a lifetime of regret. Take the time to work safely, for your family and future.

The Corrective Actions stated in this alert are one company's attempts to address the incident, and do not necessarily reflect the position of IADC or the IADC HSE Committee.

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