



Safety Alert

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Running Casing Safely

WHAT HAPPENED:

While running 5 1/2" casing, the driller observed the derrickman placing his hands and fingers on top of the casing collar to steady the casing while trying to stab the next joint. The driller immediately stopped the operation and explained the dangers involved with placing hands and fingers on or over the shoulders of casing pins or boxes. He also showed his crewmembers the proper way to stab casing. By observing the actions of his crew and instructing them in correct procedures, the driller avoided a potentially serious accident.

WORKING SAFELY:

Here are several more rules to follow while running casing.

1. Always conduct a pre-job safety meeting before picking up the first joint of casing.
2. Do not stand between casing joints coming on to the Drill Floor and the joint in the rotary table.
3. Do not stand between casing tong and rotary table.
4. Do not attempt to repair, or adjust moving parts of a casing tong when still under power.
5. A greater degree of care and attention is required to ensure the safety of new personnel.
6. Start the job slowly until each crewmember is fully aware of the sequence of events and what his duties are.

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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