

## PREVENT PIPE HANDLING INJURIES

RECENTLY A MAN RECEIVED A SEVERE SPRAIN TO HIS ANKLE DUE TO A PIPE HANDLING INJURY. THEY WERE STACKING PIPE ON THE GROUND AND AS HE AND ANOTHER MAN WENT TO STRAIGHTEN OUT A JOINT OF PIPE, HIS END FISH-TAILED AND STRUCK HIS LEG. THE "STRUCK BY" CAUSED HIS ANKLE TO ROLL AND HE GOT A LOT OF PAIN FROM THE INJURY.

**NEVER STRADDLE PIPE WHEN HANDLING IT.** THIS IS THE WRONG BODY POSITION. YOU LEAVE YOURSELF NO WAY OUT. INSTEAD STAND AT THE SIDE OR THE END. ALSO, MAKE SURE TO USE YOUR PIPE-STOPS TO PREVENT THE PIPE FROM ROLLING ON TOP OF YOU.

MIS-HANDLING DRILL PIPE HAS CAUSED A LOT OF INJURIES IN THE OILFIELD. KEEP YOUR HANDS AND FEET CLEAR!

