



# Safety Alert

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**ALERT 06 – 20**

## FAILURE TO STOP UNSAFE OPERATIONS RESULTS IN A BROKEN ANKLE

### WHAT HAPPENED:

An employee was helping to rig down a third party operation at the rig. The employee felt it was necessary to stand on the catwalk while preparing the equipment for off – loading. A 15 foot section of pipe was hanging in the V-door and the bottom was on the catwalk. Somehow the end of the pipe slipped off of the edge of the catwalk, knocking the employee off the catwalk and breaking his ankle.

### WHAT CAUSED IT:

The air hoist operator saw the employee on the catwalk but did not warn that employee off. It turns out the injured man was a new employee and was not aware of the policy of never standing on the catwalk while lifting or lowering equipment.

He knows it now – the hard way.

**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:** To address this incident, this company did the following:

Instructed rig personnel to:

Use the company stop work policy when you notice an accident in the making like this. The right thing for the air hoist operator do is to refuse to operate the air hoist until the employee gets off of the catwalk.

**STOP those unsafe operations!**



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