



Safety Alert

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TONG DIE SAFETY – FAILURE TO USE PROPER TOOLS AND PPE RESULTS IN EYE INJURY

WHAT HAPPENED:

A rig crewman was changing a tong die using two ball peen hammers. He removed his face shield and safety glasses during the process and was struck in the eye with a fragment of the tong die.

WHAT CAUSED IT:

1. The worker failed to use the proper tools (tong die driver).
2. The worker removed PPE during the process of removing the tong die.
3. The worker used improper tool for the task.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: To address this incident, this company instructed personnel:

- Proper PPE should be used as per the Job Safety Analysis.
- The PPE should not be removed during the process.
- Workers should use the proper tools for the task at hand.

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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