

Safety Alert From the International Association of Drilling Contractors

ALERT 07 – 40

FALL FROM HEIGHT RESULTS IN LTI (RIG MOVE)

WHAT HAPPENED:

During a rig move and after the rig floor was raised the Floorman (Injured Person) was standing on the back side of the carrier unit where he was attempting to secure the rig floor with chain and pin. When he attempted to get down he lost his balance and fell about 1 meter (3 feet) to the ground. His body weight shock loaded his left ankle resulting in a fracture of the ankle.



WHAT CAUSED IT:

- It was the first day in the IP's shift.
- Lack of skills for IP as he didn't pay attention while working.
- Job hazards were not identified and therefore not communicated to the crew during the pre–job safety meeting.

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

- Instructed Rig Supervisors that job hazards to be identified and communicated to the crew prior to the rig move operations through the pre – job safety meeting.
- Instructed personnel to be aware of hazards and concentrate on their movements, especially when working at a height even a relatively low one.

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.