



Safety Alert

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CASING RUNNING OPERATION RESULTS IN LTI

WHAT HAPPENED:

While running 7-5/8" casing, a Floorman working in the stabber position was attempting to hold a casing centralizer above the casing tongs. As the tongs were brought forward the Floorman's right hand was caught and pinched when the casing tongs were actuated. The Floorman was diagnosed with a laceration and a broken bone in his right hand.



Casing Tong and Centralizer



Casing Tong around Casing

WHAT CAUSED IT:

- The injured man did not realize that he had placed his hand in a pinch point.
- The pre-job hazard assessment did not recognize the hazard that may result from attempting to secure casing centralizers while making up the casing.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: To address this incident, this company reviewed the following lessons learned:

- Thorough pre-job hazard assessments must be held before each job. All workers involved must attend the meetings, participate, and understand thoroughly what their roles and duties are.
- During pre-job safety meetings, all pertinent guidelines, SOPs, and Hazard Recognition Worksheets must be reviewed.
- Should any scope or part of the job change, stop the job and reassess how to do the job safely
- During every job it is crucial that everyone stay focused to the job at hand
- Everyone must remember to stop any job that they feel is unsafe. The job must not resume until all hazards and mitigation steps are in place, communicated, and understood by all involved.
- Workers must not hold objects above the casing tong.

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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