



# Safety Alert

From the International Association of Drilling Contractors

---

ALERT 02 – 01

## MAINTENANCE ON PERSONNEL LIFT RESULTS IN A FATALITY

### WHAT HAPPENED:

A fatality has recently occurred during a routine maintenance task on an elevator lift. The task being undertaken was to change the lift raising and lowering cable. During the operation the securing arrangement used for this maintenance task failed and the lift fell to the bottom of the lift shaft. The Barge Supervisor was on top of the lift when it fell and he died of his injuries.

### WHAT CAUSED IT:

At present the exact details of what happened have not yet been fully established. Company officials and agency personnel are conducting detailed investigations into the incident. Further details will be made available as soon as practicable.

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

- Maintenance activities shall be reviewed and risk assessed to ensure there are adequate controls in place before the start of a job. This may mean that additional Task Risk Assessment (Job Safety Analysis) and Rig Specific Procedure (RSP) will need to be drawn up for more complex activities. For lower risk activities a verbal review and discussion may be appropriate.
- The requirements of the Permit To Work (PTW) procedures as laid out in the Safety Management System are to be followed. Dept Heads in conjunction with the Offshore Installation Manager shall review and if appropriate reinforce the PTW system for maintenance activities.
- Morning meetings shall discuss forthcoming maintenance activities that may require a PTW, TRA, RSP etc, to ensure the OIM and other relevant Supervisors are aware of these activities. A standard format for morning meetings is being developed.

**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.**

---

This material is presented for information purposes only. Managers & Supervisors should evaluate this information to determine if it can be applied to their own situations and practices.  
Copyright © 2002 International Association of Drilling Contractors. All Rights Reserved

Issued January 2002