



# Safety Alert

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## PERSONNEL HOISTING INCIDENT

### WHAT HAPPENED:

An employee was being hoisted into the derrick using a man rider hoist and a wooden-seat riding belt. As the employee was being elevated he was using his foot to kick away from the top-drive, at which time his foot became entrapped. The personnel hoisting operation was stopped and fortunately, the employee was not seriously injured.

### WHAT CAUSED IT:

Man was not aware of where he placed his foot and the potential hazard on the top drive that caught his foot.

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

- Instructed all supervisors to discuss this incident with all crew members and remind them to be aware of their foot placement at all times.
- Instructed all personnel to continue to adhere to the company's Personnel Lifting and Fall Protection policy. Ensuring that:
  - JSAs are completed or reviewed each time a man is to go into a riding belt for personnel hoisting operations.
  - JSAs are specific for Man Riding Operations and not viewed as part of the larger task.
  - A direct line of sight is maintained at all times. When this is not possible, a person is assigned who has **NO other duties** than to flag the hoist operator.
  - Establish who is in charge of the personnel hoisting operation.
- Instructed employees to pay close attention to your surroundings at all times.
- Continued training newly assigned personnel in Personnel Hoisting Operations and Hoist Operations.

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