



Safety Alert

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ATTEMPTING TO TIGHTEN LIFTING CAP RESULTS IN A LOST TIME INCIDENT

WHAT HAPPENED:

This helper has been told by his foreman to wait for him to help lift off this 50 kg drilling tool. He decided to check if the lifting cap is properly fitted and turns it tight. The free end of the spool rolled off the support frame and fell to the ground.

The helper tried to hold on at the other end. When the end of the spool hits the floor the hand of the helper is caught between the spool and the support frame. His middle finger is broken and crushed. He will be off work for 3 to 4 weeks.

WHAT CAUSED IT:

- Helper did not follow instruction of his foreman.
- The injured was new to the job and inexperienced.
- He did not recognize the hazard/danger.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

To address this incident this company discussed the following with their personnel.

- How could this incident have been prevented?
- Are there less experienced people in your team?
- How do you teach them what to do and what NOT to do?
- Do you point out dangers/hazards to them? Even the obvious ones? Do you have procedures for “simple” lifting operations? Are they known? Are they followed?



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