



# Safety Alert

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## RIG MOVE RESULTS IN FALL AND NEAR MISS

### WHAT HAPPENED:

A Roustabout was removing a pillar from the side of the road while the derrick was being moved in one piece with a derrick dolly. As the Roustabout was walking along side of the road, just in front of the derrick dolly wheels, he stumbled on a lump of gypsum and fell. As he sat up the outside wheel on the derrick dolly brushed his shoulder. Only a few millimeters closer and the derrick dolly would have crushed the Roustabout.

### WHAT CAUSED IT:

The Roustabout saw that the pillar was going to be struck by the dolly wheels and tried to move the pillar in front of the derrick dolly. Being in a hurry, in sandy conditions, he lost his footing and fell.

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

Stressed the following to supervisors and rig personnel:

- Inexperienced workers need to be shown how to complete tasks. (JSAs) – Experienced workers must be refreshed on tasks and tasks hazards when understanding is not apparent.
- The need for improved communication amongst team members to ensure all employees are aware of the whereabouts of team members at all times.
- A Safety Meeting is to be held prior to commencement of work to identify the hazards associated with all components of rig moves.
- Improved Supervision to observe and identify potential hazards before they occur.

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