

# SAFETY ALERT

## SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT - ACCIDENT

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### Severe Hand Injury – Multiple Finger Amputation

**Managers, Supervisors And Field Crews, All Major Employees:  
Please Discuss At Shift Change Over, General Rig Safety Meetings – Tool Box Talks**

#### WHAT HAPPENED?

On December 6, 2006 at 05:40am a drill offsider/helper was repairing a jammed wireline at the top of a mast on a UDR 650 multi-purpose drill. Worker had climbed the ladder on the mast and cut wireline and was trying to get the wireline back through the sheave wheels located at the very top of the mast. The worker requested the driller to move the drill head to use as a work platform and upon moving the rotation head up the workers hand holding on the feed chain was pulled into the top sprockets resulting in the amputation of 4 fingers on the workers right hand. Worker was wearing correct fall protection.

#### WHAT CAUSED IT?

Drill crew not following standard operating procedures by performing non-routine maintenance on drill without locking and tagging equipment.

In-correct communications between worker and driller, instruction given to move rotation unit while worker was in an unsafe position.

Driller operated equipment without being able to see or ensure the worker was in a safe position.

#### CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

Standard Lockout – Tagout procedures are to be followed at all times while performing repairs or maintenance on all equipment. If possible the drill string should be pulled from the hole or disconnect rods and sit them on the bottom of the hole to allow the mast to be lowered if repair can not be done safely while mast is raised. Daily instruction will be written in the Daily Workplace Instruction Register Log Book, including unusual operational or non-routine activity. Investigate possible change in drill design to make it safe to work on mast.

#### ADDITIONAL NOTE:

This picture is graphic, this picture is the result of workers not following standard operating procedures, this is a picture of the the pain and suffering of a Major employee that didn't think it would happen to him. **This accident did not have to happen.**

Major Drilling will not accept unsafe operations or work practices.

All Major Drilling Employees have the responsibility to work in a safe manner and follow Company safety policies.

All Supervisors should ensure safe work practices are followed.

Every employee operating equipment must ensure that a worker is in a safe position prior activating any function or lever.

Every employee has the right to refuse to work in the event that he/she is exposed to a hazardous condition.

All unsafe operations must be reported to the Supervisors or Management immediately

**DECIDE TODAY TO PUT SAFETY FIRST! YOU'RE JOB AND LIVELIHOOD DEPENDS ON IT.**

