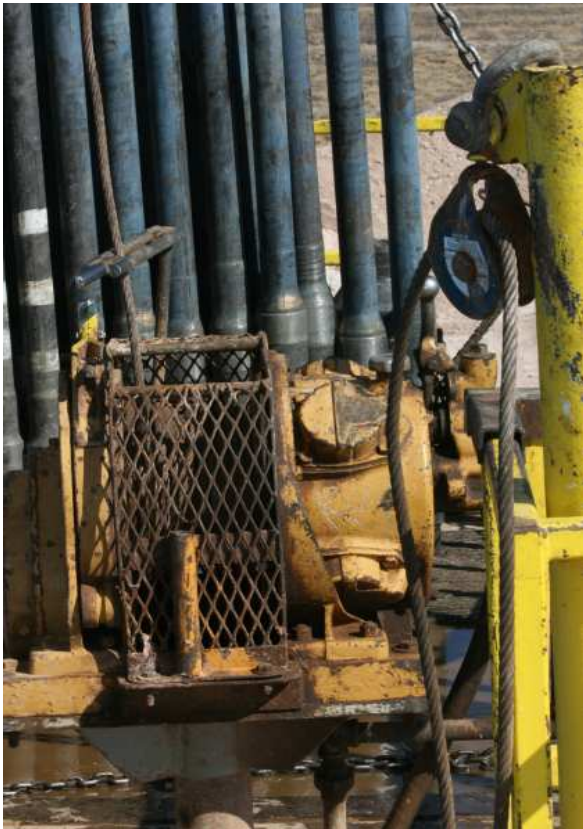


# Kelly Pull Back Sheave

MANY DRILLING RIG FLOORS ARE ENGINEERED WHERE THE KELLY SHUCK IS NEAR THE AIR HOIST ON THE FLOOR. THIS MEANS THAT IN ORDER TO PULL BACK THE KELLY AND LOWER IT INTO THE SHUCK, THE SHEAVE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE IS (NATURALLY) LOCATED NEAR THE AIR HOIST.



THIS LEADS TO THE TEMPTATION FOR THE AIR HOIST OPERATOR TO GRAB THE LINE TO GUIDE THE KELLY INTO THE SHUCK. MANY ROUGHNECKS HAVE GOTTEN THEIR FINGERS CAUGHT IN THIS SHEAVE. YOU SHOULD CAUTION YOUR EMPLOYEES AGAINST DOING THIS.

WHAT IS BEST IS REPLACING THAT SHEAVE WITH THIS NEW DEVICE FROM 'CROSBY'. IT HAS THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THE SHEAVE GUARDED WHERE YOU CAN'T GET YOUR HAND CAUGHT IN IT. AS A RULE, ENGINEERING IS BETTER THAN SAFETY PROCEDURES.

