



Safety Alert STOP Policy!

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Recently an employee was helping to rig down a third party operation at the rig. This employee felt it was necessary to stand on the catwalk while preparing the equipment for off-loading. A 15 foot section of pipe was hanging in the V-door and the bottom was on the catwalk. Somehow the end of the pipe slipped off of the edge of the catwalk, knocking the employee off and breaking his ankle.



The air hoist operator saw the employee on the catwalk but did not warn that employee off. It turns out the injured man was a new employee and was not aware of the policy of never standing on the catwalk while lifting or lowering equipment.

He knows it now – the hard way.

Use the STOP policy when you notice an accident in the making like this. The right thing for the air hoist operator do is to refuse to operate the air hoist until the employee gets off of the catwalk.

STOP those unsafe operations!

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