

# SAFETY ALERT

## DROPPED OBJECT – HOLE COVER PLATES

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### What Happened:

The rig crew were lowering the drilling rig carrier unit preparing for rig move.

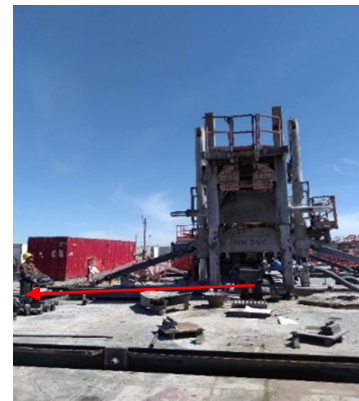
As the drilling rig carrier unit was lowered, a crewman noticed that the two-metal plates used to cover up the holes which the front support legs travel through, were sitting on top of the support legs (these plates would normally be manually removed by the crew before this task is commenced)

A crewman called out to stop the job, at the same time the two plates over-balanced and fell off the legs to the ground below.



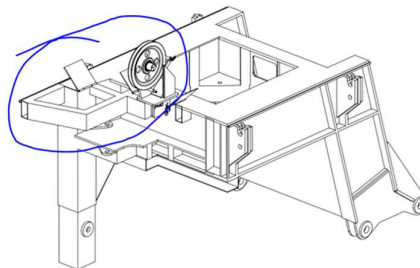
The cover plates fell from this position, approx. 5.5m

The nearest crewman was approx. 6m from the drop zone



Both plates will be fitted with hinges and secondary retention, so will remain in place whenever this task is carried out.

### Examples of cover plates with hinges



### What did we learn:

- Review tasks that rely on a human element factor (similar to this task)
- Review SWMS similar to this task
- Anything that has the potential to drop, risk assess for a secondary retention device
- Audit integrity of current secondary retention devices

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