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PT Wells Deepwater GoM

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NM/HIPO – WORKER ENTANGLED IN TAGLINE

Target audience for this newsflash

- Wells Supervisors
- Wells Team Leads
- Drilling & Service Contractors
- Crane Crews
- Wells HSE Staff

What happened

In the process of performing a blind lift on the north side of the cellar deck, an MPT was rigged up and lifted vertically. Following a 2-4 ft pause to perform a final check for loose objects on the load, the go-ahead was given for the lift to commence. A worker on one of the taglines was unknowingly standing in a loop in the middle section of the 20ft tangle resistant tagline. As the load was being lifted vertically, the lead worker for the crew noticed the tagline had wrapped around the worker's right ankle and called an ALL STOP when the load was approximately 20ft off the deck. At this point the worker's right leg had been picked up by the tagline which the worker had grabbed. This resulted in the worker swinging horizontally ~3ft off the deck before a co-worker came to assist. The worker's leg was untangled.



Why it happened

The investigation of this incident is not yet complete.

Suggested toolbox/safety meeting questions

- Are utilized taglines the appropriate length for the load as discussed in a pre job risk assessment?
- At what point in the lift is the positioning of taglines considered? Is positive confirmation of rigger positioning received?
- Are tangle resistant taglines in use at your location? What is the OEM recommended expiry?
- What level of attention is given to tasks that can be seen as routine? Are risk assessments completed before every lift?

Further information

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