

Safety Alert

Alert 2013-11

Installing Flowline

WHAT HAPPENED?

The rig was in the process of rigging-up after a rig move. The injured employee was on top of the trip tank with (2) others attempting to line up the 90 degree elbow with the connecting flange. While lining it up, this flowline elbow turned pinching fingertip of employee's right ring finger. This "pinch" resulted in a fracture and stitches to the finger.

(Before)



(After)



WHAT CAUSED IT?

- Improper position for task
- Congestion or restricted action
- Failure to identify hazard/risk (i.e. "What can hurt me?")
- Infrequent task. (The employee's work schedule didn't coincide with previous rig moves)
- Rig-up prohibited use of forklift in this area

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

- Develop a rig-specific JSA
- Distribute a Safety Alert to all rigs of the incident
- Weld handles on flow line to keep hands out of the "line-of-fire"
- Take additional time to communicate pre-job procedure BEFORE work begins
- Pre-plan job to use mechanical assistance. (forklift)