

Industry-Submitted Safety Bulletin

Issue # 05-2025

ENERGY
SAFETY
CANADA

Dropped Objects Third Party Equipment

Date: August 12, 2025

In recent years, there has been a noticeable increase in DROPS (Dropped Objects) incidents on drilling rigs, significantly raising the potential for Serious Injuries or Fatalities (SIFs) on drilling sites.

- A high percentage of DROPS incidents involve third party equipment on drilling rigs. In some cases, it is the inability to secure the overhead equipment that is brought to site.
- As the wellbore complexity increases, multiple contractors and equipment is required to complete the operations of drilling the well, specifically during casing operations.
- Faster well completion driven by advanced drilling technologies, programs and equipment results in more frequent overhead installations and removals of equipment, elevating the exposure of dropped objects.

Awareness Items

- Review and reinforce DROPS prevention protocols with all personnel, including third-party employees.
- Conduct pre-job planning and hazard identification with all third-party equipment prior to use.
- Ensure proper inspection and securing of overhead tools and equipment prior to raising them.
- Promote a culture of accountability and shared responsibility between all parties on site.
- Verify that the proper procedures are available and that they comply with Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) recommendations.

We believe all equipment and operating exposures can be safeguarded. It is everyone's responsibility to identify deficiencies and create awareness to ensure corrections are made immediately or management of change is in use.