

# High Potential SID March 2012

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## **UK 108 – Potential Dropped Object**

**PHD Base** - During hoisting of a 30" conductor pipe by the SEDCO 711 starboard crane, the protection collar of the conductor pipe fell off onto the deck of the vessel. Height was approximately 1 foot from the deck. Crane notified regards near miss and potential dropped object. Crew instructed to ensure security of all remaining protection collars, also request that protection collar security is checked prior to loading on board the vessel.



## Investigation

The protectors are checked to ensure they are against the end of the pipe and that no thread is showing. This is done for all sizes of pipe but no physical tightening done as a mandatory check.

This would be difficult when checking the smaller diameter bundles as some ends do not protrude far enough out for this to be done. The checks done are the count, any number identity, slinging and the protectors.

Some reasons for this falling off could be it hit something as they are made off hard rubber and would not need much of a knock to slacken them or it was not torqued tight and could slacken in transit eg vibrations or water hitting the protectors. These comments were pertaining to ANY part of the operation loading at vendor, transport to the base and loading or unloading the vessel.

Other factors could be it was against the headboard of the truck and looked tight. The incident details will be passed to the vendors supplying these larger pipe diameter and requesting the need for extra vigilance on securing these protectors.

## Action Taken

The gantry team have been advised to give a visual check to protectors that are accessible and practical to see.

Any slackness observed should be reported to the relevant Focal Point/Client Rep.

This incident and actions will be rolled out to the base, charge hands and checkers safety meetings.