On average, nearly 140 people are ‘Struck By A Falling Object’ every day in the US.

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Reliable Securing 4th edition
DROPS Reliable Securing (Revision 4) Workgroup established to review and update DROPS Best Practice guidance.

Closer collaboration with Industry bodies and associations, including IADC, SFS, LEEA, IRATA and the Certifying Authorities. Wider interest shown in DROPS by other industry sectors.

Stop Underestimating the Dangers of Dropped Objects. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are more than 50,000 "struck by falling object" OSHA recordables every year in the United States. That is one injury caused by a dropped object every 10 minutes.

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DROPS SAUDI CHAPTER
NEW MEMBERS

Fahad Al-Mulaik is the current Chairman of the DROPS Saudi Chapter, he has been a very active member and leader promoting DROPS awareness across the Saudi operations. His efforts had always been endless in every kind of way to improve the safety culture of our industry and enforce the preventions of dropped objects.

As a leader of the chapter, he had always ensured the chapter has a clear vision and a game plan being pursued and shared within the Kingdom.

“Together, we will achieve the impossible; we’ll need to ensure the outcome of this Committee reaches our crews within the fields”

– Fahad Al-Mulaik

DROPS Saudi Chapter had invited two new members to the Chapter committee. The purpose being a diversified team of leaders from major contractors and combined expertise for the Dropped Object Prevention Objective. The Chapter had Welcomed both Mr. Mehdi Hamel who joined the chapter from Schlumberger and his colleague Dr. Tawsif Abid from the Arabian Drilling Company back in May 2018.

The chapter consists at the moment of a group of expertise that will always try to utilize available resources to maximize the benefits of the Chapter and ensure sharing of valuable knowledge, Training, & material to the Saudi & Global industry.

The chapter will also be announcing the nominated work-groups’ members from within our industry to support with the upcoming vision of the Chapter and best practice.

DROPS Saudi Chapter will be initiating and promoting events with the central focus on DROPS prevention, mitigation and control.

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CHAPTER COMMITTEE & WORK-GROUPS

DROPS Saudi Chapter members have met on several committee meetings through 2017 and 2018. The meetings have taken place in multiple locations starting with ARAMCO Dhahrans and Abqaiq office. They have also been hosted by Chapter members organizations offices starting with Weatherford Drilling International (WDI), Saudi Aramo Nabors Drilling (SANAD) & Shelf Offshore Drilling & Drilling Petroleum Services.

These meetings focused on several objectives serving the prevention of DROPS within the work place. Other discussion meetings were held to ensure the progression of the action plan put in place.

DROPS PUBLICATIONS

The Chapter campaigning work-group had multiple publications issued and published through DROPS International portal & have been announced through the ARAMCO Drilling Health, Safety, & Environment Leadership Initiative monthly meeting.

The chapter had focused on delivering material that would raise and endorse the awareness of the working-hand within the industry.

An amazing poster highlighting the Red Zone on an offshore rig tends to grab the viewers attention to read the Life Saving Rules to be followed and maintained during a work task. The posters have been also issued in Arabic version trying to maximize the audience of Dropped Object Prevention.

The publications included multiple other posters that could be utilized in the industry’s fields, used during campaigns, for training and any method of awareness enrichment.

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Dropping a tool is at the very least inconvenient. But dropping a tool from height poses a danger to all those below. The impact of a falling object can have devastating consequences. Follow the below instructions prior any task at height to prevent drops and save your colleagues.

1. Make note
   - Make detailed notes of hazards in your lifting envelope.

2. Training is preventing
   -Educate and train employees on most hazards and preventive methods to prevent falling objects.

3. Conduct risk assessments
   - Conduct a risk assessment before starting work at height and take extra hazards into account.

4. Maximize your drop zone
   - Make sure your workplace has an adequate drop zone. This drop zone extends to at least 2.5 meters and covers a diameter.

5. Cover up gaps
   - Training and protective gear, and ensure the equipment and site are properly installed.

6. Use tethered tools
   - Prevent tool falling by using a tethering device. This will reduce the force associated with the dropped tool.

7. Keep tools tied off
   - Tools weighing more than 2.5 kg (5 pounds) should be tied off to the structure. Otherwise, workers could be struck by the falling tool.

8. Connect before passing on
   - Before passing an object to a colleague, make sure the object is connected to the relevant device. This will prevent the object from falling off.

9. Use necessary tools only
   - Workers on height should never bring the tools needed for the job.

10. Hunt hazards down
    - Keep them “hunted” to make awareness of falling objects high.