



Work Safety Alert **Struck by a backstay of a drilling rig**

1. **Date of Accident :** March 2014
2. **Place of Accident :** An open site outside a residential building
3. **Summary :**

A worker was struck to his death by a backstay of a drilling rig, which was being dismantled.

4. Work Safety Alert for Contractors/Employers :

Contractors/employers undertaking plant dismantling work should develop and maintain a safe system of work which should include:

- appointing a competent person to conduct job specific risk assessments and formulate appropriate safe working procedures with due regard to instructions and specifications prescribed by the manufacturer of the plant, and previous records of tests, examinations, repair and maintenance;
- setting up a danger zone which should be marked off by prominent hazard warning notices;
- providing the workers involved with necessary safety information, instruction and training; and
- ensuring that the dismantling work is conducted under the direct and continuous supervision of a competent person.



5. Reference :

- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)¹
- [Safe Systems of Work](#)¹

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