



HEALTH, SAFETY,
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A SMALL PIECE CAN CAUSE A BIG INCIDENT. CONTROL IT BEFORE IT BECOMES A DROP.

What Happened?

A GIS rope access crew was working in an open hole on the Main Deck on an offshore platform. While handling a 3" x 3" x 1/4", 16" long angle-iron pipe support weighing 9.6 lb., an employee lost control of the support. It fell approximately 35'-7", deflecting twice before coming to rest on the Production Deck. The support remained inside the established red barricade. **No one was injured.**



3" x 3" x 1/4" angle-iron support - 16" long, 9.6 lb.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- Even small items can become serious struck-by hazards when dropped from elevation.
- Positive control is required before materials are removed, cut, disconnected, or released at height.
- When installing material at heights, utilize secondary retention such as rope, straps, chain, etc. until material is secured in place.
- Drop zones and barricades are critical secondary controls - and they worked in this event.
- Plan the entire installation/removal sequence, including how each component will be secured lifted and/or lowered.

TAKE ACTION

- Identify every item that will become loose during the task.
- Establish a positive means of retention before the final connection is released.
- Keep tools and materials secured at all times.
- Maintain and control drop/exclusion zones.
- Use the JSEA, Safe to Start/Start Work Checks, and Dropped Objects Checklist to verify controls.

Proper use of the **GIS LIFE Processes** can help to create a **FAIL-SAFE** Work Environment.



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