

### SNATCH BLOCKS




#### **Equipment Prohibition:**

#### **Mckissick N419 Snatch Block**

This snatch block (Type: McKissick N419) was left in open position, and was of such a construction that it could be released from the suspension/swivel if it was turned. On one of the rigs owned by TODCO, this risk was realized when a floorhand kicked against a snatch block while manriding at a height of approximately 12 metres. The snatch block weighing 3.1kg came loose and fell to the rig floor. The block fell 2.5 metres from the nearest worker. No one was hurt however the potential for serious bodily harm was present.

**As a result the PPU will not use this type of snatch block in our operations and will seek alternative equipment that does not pose this type of hazard.**

#### **Actions for all installations:**

-  Check all snatch blocks on installations, and scrap all blocks of this type and of similar construction
-  Check all loose lifting appliances on the installation, with special attention to snatch blocks.
-  Make sure that all inventory lists of loose lifting appliances are updated, with necessary information

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