



C23 Alert

Safety

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Partial overturn of rig

During the routine daily maintenance of a BKJV drilling rig, the mast was being manoeuvred to facilitate the oiling of the chain when it became unstable. The offside track was lifted off the ground and the mast came to rest on top of a metal stillage located within the vicinity.

What we know

Early investigation findings identify that;

- the working platform was not a contributory factor in the destabilisation of the drill rig.
- The rig operator using the control for the rig moved the mast of the machine in a manner that destabilised the rig.
- The metal stillage prevented the rig from fully overturning.

Actions taken

- Works were stopped immediately, and the area was made safe.
- An exclusion zone was set up and the area was secured with a double ring of barriers.
- Plans have commenced relating to a recovery operation.

What you should do

The incident is currently being investigated, however key points for consideration are;

- Ensure that you operate the rig as per the manufacturer's instructions.
- Ensure that there is an exclusion zone in place while maintenance is taking place.
- Ensure that you have sight of both sides of the machine when manoeuvring the mast.



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