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NWOWS OH&S Book: Part 2: B57 & T66H

When working beside or near a drill rig, always have full protective gear on (helmet, cover-alls, steel-toe boots, gloves, safety glasses or shields, and ear protection).

Be mindful of lightning- upon the first sighting of lightning employees are to safely cease work and enter the support vehicle- employees are not to resume work for at least 20 minutes. Should employees spend an hour or more waiting for lightning to cease they are to return to the shop for reassignment.

When working on non-rock ground, employees are to be mindful of any change in the ground that may suggest that the foundation of the drill rig is in danger. Should such signs show themselves, or should a rig start to sink, all employees are to immediately clear the range of the mast, and warn anyone else nearby to do so, too. Do not worry about turning the machine off, a capsized machine will run out of fuel in seconds. Do not worry about lowering the mast, once the machine is beyond a few degrees in pitch it will be impossible to lower. Do not worry about the rig, this is why we have insurance. Getting yourself and others clear of the mast should be your only concern.

Never pull a "slinged" rod, auger, bit, or other object over top of someone; or go under a "slinged" rod, bit, etc. Never go under a working drill rig, or under anything attached to a working drill rig (for example, rods in the basket). Never go on top of a working drill rig. Avoid standing idle on the side of the rig. Never lean tools against a drill rig, as they frequently move "up and down", tools could be flung out at high speed and or burst into shrapnel.

In short:

- Always wear appropriate safety gear.
- Watch for lightning and act accordingly if sighted.
- Know how to watch for an unstable foundation and how to react.
- Never walk under a suspended load, or bring a suspended load over another person.
- Never lean tools against a drill rig.

Employee Certification for the B57 and T66 ensures that:

- employees understand how to turn it off
- employees understand all hazards
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 - gas (methane)
 - ground utilities
 - slip and falls
 - heavy carrying loads
 - poor driver visibility
 - uneven ground when driving and walking
 - augers, their guards, rods, and bits, and the dangers associated with

- suspended loads
- lifted machinery
- noise
- employees understand what to do in an emergency, especially concerning all above hazards
- employees understand how to control the work site
- employees can work with semi supervision, as opposed to 100% supervision