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WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

When an accident happens the blame is usually placed on someone or some thing. Many times the cause of the accident is never really known due to the proverbial "buck-passing" -the equipment was at fault, the other guy was careless and many other like excuses.

In all phases of Accident Prevention we try to promote safety by: laws, regulations, rules, drills, training, appliances and protective clothing. All of these are of value, but, in the final analysis, safety must be achieved in the minds of men. The "will" for safety must be created in each individual, which brings it down to you and me. We will never be safe unless we want, and try to be safe.

An employee can do more to protect himself and his fellow workers than can all the safety rules and regulations in the world. True, many factors enter into the causes of accidents: equipment failure, poor training, lack of guarding, etc. But the greatest hazard a rig crewman faces is - **himself**! When he is handling, or is in the near vicinity of swinging pipe, lifts being operated, or a tightening winch line, he needs to recognize any danger inherent in the use of such equipment. If a man isn't conscious of possible danger, doesn't keep his weather eye open, who will do it for him? It is sometimes hard for us to realize that we must **always expect the unexpected** - the falling pipe, the snapping cable, when we have seen all go routinely well - as expected.

The ultimate goal in accident prevention is zero disabling injuries; however, there are too many barriers in the way of achieving this goal. The most important of which is the human mind, especially where safety is concerned. Most people feel that it "**can't happen here**" but it's the other fellow should take the precautions.

When the same kind of accidents, involving like agents of injury, repeat themselves on the same jobsite (and they do), somebody, somewhere isn't taking or thinking safety very seriously. The results can be counted in amputations, permanent crippling and, as you know, death!

Of course we'll have to recognize the fact that even a man who stays on his toes may become an accident statistic once in a while. But, the cause usually can be traced down to - someone didn't think.

Remember! We can do more to protect ourselves and our fellow workers by **constantly thinking and practicing accident prevention**, than can all of the rules, regulations, safe-guards ever written or invented. **THINK! -before you act.**