



# SAFETY BULLETIN

## Fatality on West Neptune

### Summary of Event:

Unexpected release of kinetic energy causes fatality on deck.

**Captains,**

**Please share this industry incident with your crew at your next safety meeting and post in a common area. Discuss what can be done to prevent a similar incident on TDI vessels.**

**If you have any questions, please reach out to one of us. Thank you.**



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**Description of incident :** Around 1330 CST on Sunday, January 24, 2021, two Allrig, Inc. employees were on the riser deck of the WEST NEPTUNE. There were no Seadrill personnel in the area. Seadrill's understanding of the incident is based on the statements of the surviving Allrig employee.

The Allrig employees were inspecting the drillship's rigging when the incident occurred. Apparently, they wanted to inspect a sling that was wrapped around five metal plates. The plates were situated on two pieces of wood, positioned lengthwise on their edge and against a stanchion on the riser deck. The plates were secured to the stanchion by a ratchet strap. See below photographs of the area of the riser deck, the metal plates and the rigging.

The IP was trying to access a sling that was wrapped around the plates, so he instructed his co-worker to loosen the ratchet strap. When he gave the instruction, he was standing next to the plates. The co-worker followed the instruction of the IP and loosened the ratchet strap, which resulted in the plates falling toward the IP and pinning him against another storage rack on the riser deck. Several people ran to the scene immediately upon hearing calls for help, but the plates were too heavy for them to lift.

### Interim Findings

Incident still under investigation

### Interim Recommendations

Evaluate stored equipment and materials to minimize hazards related to stored energy and handling. Discuss the importance of hazard identification in the task planning process and using Time Out for Safety to manage changes in the work environment

### Photos

**Location**



**Object**



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