

Safety Meeting
Pipe Tongs



Company: _____ Presenter: _____ Date: _____

Lead and backup tongs should be provided with lines of sufficient size and length. Snub lines need to be installed and used per company policy. Inspection tags should be in place on the snub lines.

Tong counterbalance and parts thereof should be restrained, guarded or located so as to prevent them from falling on or striking other employees.

Makeshift weights such as tools, pipe protectors, bits, etc. should not be added to the counterbalance weights.

Tong die slots should be properly maintained. Tongs should be provided with sharp dies at all times and properly pinned in die slots. Die drives should be used to remove tong dies. Proper personal protective equipment should be worn when changing tong dies, especially glasses or goggles.

Appropriate means for securing tongs on an offshore floating vessels should be provided to prevent tongs from swinging during rough weather.

The rotary table should not be used for final making up, or initial breaking out, of a pipe connection. Two tongs should be used during makeup and breakout. The rotary should not be used to make up or back out pipe.

When excessive pull is needed to break a tight joint, all floor crewmen should move away from the rotary, and out of the path of the tongs before torque is applied.

Employees should not stand between the two pipe tongs while the driller is making up or breaking out pipe or collars.

All pins used to secure and chain jaws should be kept in place with cotter pins or safety pins.

Power tongs should be operated by designated personnel. The lockout/tagout procedure should be used when working on power tongs.

Employee Signatures
