

Rig Tongs - Finger Injury

INCIDENT

- 7” casing was being run using power tong. A casing joint needed to be backed-out. Manual rig tong was being used as a back-up to prevent 7” coupling turning.
- When removing the manual tong, finger was trapped in hinge (pinch-point) of tong. MAN’S FINGER WAS FRACTURED.

FAILURE:

Employee did not follow procedures.

LATERAL LEARNING:

**WHEN USING TONGS, KEEP YOUR HANDS ON THE HANDLES,
NEVER ANYWHERE ELSE**

