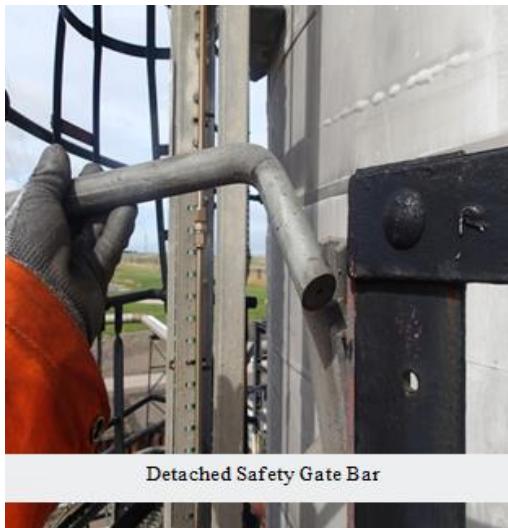
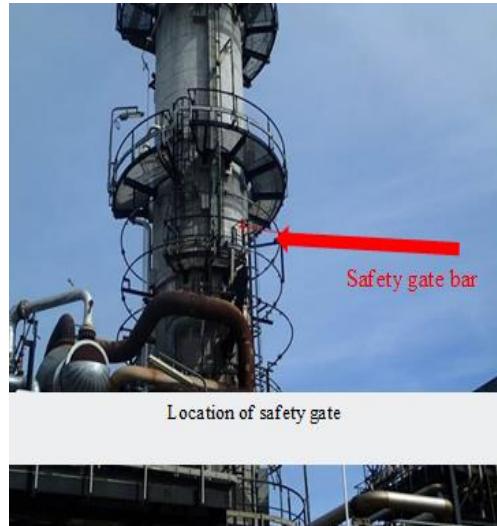


SAFETY ALERT

Near Miss (with high potential): Failure in safety gate



Detached Safety Gate Bar



Safety gate bar

Location of safety gate

Description of Process:

Routine inspection of tower

Description of Incident:

In the process of stepping onto the ladder on level 2 gantry, the **safety gate bar** came **adrift from its hinge bracket**. The individual already had one foot and his other hand on the ladder but still swung round and fell back against the backscratcher, just arresting a fall. The individual replaced the gate bar and immediately reported the event to the mechanical department.

No injury was sustained during the event.

Good Practice Guidance:

Short Term

Mechanical department investigated the gate bar and found that the **retaining plate and bolt were missing** due to the **bolt working its way loose**. The bar was repaired immediately by the mechanical technician.

Operations and instruments were informed of the issue

Ongoing checks of all safety gates to ensure they are functioning correctly

Long Term

Review maintenance strategy of safety gates

Working together to continuously
improve our safety performance

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