**Innertube latching**

Purpose:

* To avoid employees from using a rod spanner to listen to innertube latching.
* To keep employees from holding onto the rod with their hands.

Description:

To keep employees safe and away from any unsafe acts by using the wrong tools or equipment to listen to innertube latching.

Steps:

* Before dropping innertube rod must be 3m from bottom
* Driller and assistant to drop innertube.
* Next rod to be connected and tightened properly onto previous rod.
* Driller to move away/keep hands clear from levers to avoid accidental rotation on rods.
* Driller or assistant to use stethoscope to listen when innertube has latched.
* Once innertube is latched driller to ensure that safety guard/cage is in place before starting rotation.

Note:

* Rod spanner or innertube spanner not to be used for listening to innertube latching. If there is no stethoscope on site find a better and safer alternative way to ensure that the innertube has latched until stethoscopes can be provided.
* Please ensure that the procedure for innertube latching is being followed with strict measures as we can avoid unnecessary incidents and unsafe acts.