



DROPS

DROPPED OBJECTS
PREVENTION SCHEME

Press Release

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As part of the ongoing fight against dropped objects, DROPS has installed a large display of actual and potential dropped object items at an Aberdeen Heliport. Examples include 'rogue' tools, equipment and scrap items, many of which could have caused a serious injury or fatality if they had fallen and struck personnel below.

Debbie Mecklenburgh, DROPS Global Secretary commented, *"This is just one of the many methods we employ to raise awareness of the dropped object epidemic we are tackling across the industry. Our colleagues in the Netherlands have a similar exhibit at the Heliport in Den Helder, and with the continuing support of our members we hope to introduce more displays at other key locations."*

Generously sponsored by Reel Group Limited and installed with the kind permission of Bristow European Operations, the cabinet contents provide a stark reminder to all offshore personnel that we are all exposed to the unnecessary additional risk of dropped objects, no matter where we are or what we are doing.

Russell Ritchie, MD Reel Group added, *"We all know the potential cost of a dropped object. It's not just about equipment and lost production. It's about life! The problem is common to everyone in the industry, across all regions, sectors and disciplines. The DROPS Rogues Gallery is perhaps one of the best methods of highlighting the wide variety of items that have been found at height in the offshore workplace, reinforcing the need for everyone to be vigilant in identifying and eliminating potential dropped objects before they occur."*



DROPS Rogues Gallery
Bristows Heliport Reception, Dyce, Aberdeen UK

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

This cabinet includes donated items from a number of member organisations. We seek more to refresh this display regularly, and where appropriate install other display systems in key locations.

If you have any potential or actual dropped object items that you could share with DROPS and the wider industry, please let us know at campaignteam@dropsworkpack.com or call us on 01224 861811.

All items are displayed anonymously, detailing only the description of the item, its weight and a rough indication of where it was found. Using the DROPS Calculator, we apply a consequence factor.