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IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 49

TO: ALL OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF J. H. FLETCHER & CO. MODEL HDDR WALK-THRU ROOF BOLTING EQUIPMENT

FROM: RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
J. H. FLETCHER & CO.

DATE: MARCH 1994

SUBJ: PINCH POINT ZONE

There have been two fatal accidents to operators of HDDR roof bolters. These accidents resulted because both operators attempted to operate the HDDR from an unsafe position.

Model HDDR roof drills incorporate a tilting mast. Generally, depending upon specifications, the mast can be tilted either 45 degrees or 90 degrees toward the rib. This feature is used for installing angle and horizontal bolts.

J. H. Fletcher & Co. requests that all operators be immediately informed that placing one's body in the location of the drillhead and mast could result in being crushed by the machine through unintentional activation of the feed or fast feed actuator handles.

There is no need or operational function which requires a HDDR operator to be positioned beyond the working platform, **but if for some unforeseen reason the operator must enter this area, the electric motor driving the hydraulic pump must be de-energized to prevent any accidental activation of control handles.**

To prevent serious injury or death, J. H. Fletcher & Co. requests that a copy of this Safety Notice be provided to each present operator, future operator and be posted in a conspicuous location for all potential operators to review.

J. H. Fletcher & Co. will distribute additional training material which emphasizes the serious consequences for roof bolters who attempt to operate the HDDR from an unsafe position. Until this material is distributed, please consider this an immediate, serious concern, and alert all operators and potential operators to this bulletin, its contents and the consequences of unsafe operating techniques.

J. H. Fletcher & Co. requests that you take immediate steps today to notify all roof bolting personnel regarding the serious and fatal consequences which can result when the HDDR is operated from an unsafe position.

If you have any questions, please call the Risk Management Department at 304/525-7811, ext. 240.