

# SAFETY ALERT 101

Incident: Date: Prepared by: Issued by:	<b>LIFTING EQUIPMENT FAILURE</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2012 M Kilbride M Kilbride	Site/Office  Site Manager Dept Manager
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A Failure has recently been recorded in relation to the removable lifting eye whilst a lifting operation was being carried out on a 371kg sluice valve. The failure was immediate and approx. 6" off the lifting surface, no injuries were recorded, however the consequences could have been far more severe. The initial findings are:

Lifting eyes for these valves are supplied fitted screwed in but are not part of the original valve equipment being removable, therefore they are for valve component by component erecting and should not be used for lifting the valve, these should be removed prior to delivery.



These unmarked lifting eyes should not be used for lifting

No CE marks, Certificate of Thorough Examination or other form of proof of testing or suitability were provided.

**ACTIONS REQUIRED**

All valves fitted with "removable" lifting points must be inspected, Lifting eyes removed with particular attention required for valves manufactured by **SIGMA**.



Lifting accessories found without CE markings or with no Certificate of Thorough Examination **MUST** be taken out of service and the findings reported to Managers and or Supervisors.

Report any findings to the Safety Department.

Lifting plans must be reviewed and updated to reflect any changes in lifting equipment, accessories, lifting techniques or the specified loads.  
Do not take the risk

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**IF IN DOUBT – DO NOT USE. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE!**

