

Partial Gantry Fall

Safety Alert



The Facts

During the discharge of a container vessel, the operator of the STS crane identified a refrigerated container which they believed to still be plugged in to a power supply.

A deck hand was asked to confirm if this was correct and to check the container.

The deck hand accessed the main deck level lashing gantry to look into the hold and while communicating to the crane driver via radio and walking along the gantry, they partially fell through a safety grill which had been left open. The deck hand managed to prevent himself falling all of the way through by grasping a handrail in close proximity.

The deck hand sustained grazing, bruising to their shin and a shoulder injury.

Prior to the incident and post the pre start vessel inspection, a crew member had accessed the area, left the grill open and did not engage the safety chains either side of the access. Furthermore, once the crew member had finished their duties, they left the area unattended and in an unsafe condition.

The Solution

Ensure co-operation, co-ordination, good and regular communication between crew members and terminal staff attending the vessel.

Vessel crew to ensure that gantries are in a safe condition during and after completing their duties and notify those attending the vessel of any changes which might affect their safety.

Personnel to remain alert and vigilant of known and common deck hazards and potential changing conditions.

Personnel working on the vessel to make regular checks of the areas that are being worked to confirm they remain in a safe condition. If in doubt or unsure, STOP and ask.

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