

INCIDENT ALERT

LOCATION: Company-wide
ACTIVITY: Occupational Health
SUB ACTIVITY: N/A

ALERT STATUS: Normal
DATE ISSUED: 07/05/08
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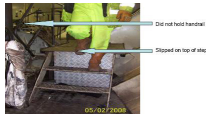
TITLE

Marine - Slips, trips and falls

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT DETAILS

Whilst walking across the engine room an engineer slipped and fell down a short step causing a painful back injury and possible fractured rib.

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT IMAGES



LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

Corrective Actions \Recommendations

The investigation and POI revealed a number of issues:

- 1.The engineer was in a hurry
- 2.The handrail could have been positioned better
- 3.The handrail should have been used as he went down the steps

This incident shows the importance of always having 3 points of contact when climbing down ladders or travelling down steps. As you can see from the photo, the severity of injuries doesn't always depend on the distance fallen. The engineer needed a considerable period of time to recuperate with numerous medical visits.

Onboard management are asked to check all handrails for suitability and visibility and where appropriate carry out a risk assessment to develop corrective action for all potential slips trips and falls i.e. painting of handrail in bright colour e.g. yellow, additional handrail to be added, standard of footwear, tidying up of trailing cables etc. Crew are reminded to exercise their duty of care when travelling around the ship.

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS IMAGES