

SAFETY ALERT

Ref No: SA/2022/11

Date: 14th Oct. 2022

Subject: SERIOUS INJURY – FALL FROM HEIGHT

What happened:

A Mobile Plant Technician was to conduct routine maintenance work on a Straddle Carrier, simultaneously, the glass floor of the cabin was being replaced due to previous damage.

As the Technician entered the cab, he was unaware that the floor grating had been raised with the glass floor removed and subsequently fell some 11m to the ground sustaining serious, potentially life changing, injuries. He remains in ICU.

Our member port is working with the HSE in support of their enquiries.

What can be learned:

This accident highlights that elevated risk can be presented through routine activities. This glass replacement operation may not have been thoroughly planned and as such supported with suitable and sufficient risk control measures.

Additionally, it also emphasises that there are learning opportunities when assessing whether there are any safety conflicts when simultaneous operations are taking place on the same piece of equipment.

Purpose and Acknowledgements:

The PSS Safety Alert process intends to flag accidents / incidents directly to members to enable them to take onboard any necessary learning or developments.

PSS are grateful to a member port for openly sharing the information at the base of this Safety Alert.