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A fall can be fatal

PREVENT SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS

Keep an eye out for slip, trip and fall hazards.



This Life-Saving Rule can be hard to enforce.
When is it broken?

Dear all,

G2 Ocean is committed to providing a safe and healthy work environment for all personnel involved in our operations. The purpose of our Safety Bulletins is to raise awareness of health & safety risks associated with cargo operations.

G2 Ocean works with several hundred stevedore companies worldwide. We believe that by seeking and sharing insights across company and country boundaries, we can prevent future incidents together. Descriptions of incidents will always be fully anonymised.

The topic of this edition is our Life-Saving Rule to prevent slips, trips and falls. We reflect on how it can sometimes be difficult to spot breaches, but that certain habits can be positive examples of living by it.

If you have any feedback, please email us at: safety@g2ocean.com

Best regards G2 Ocean Team

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Grey areas

Some of our Life-Saving Rules are easy to understand and enforce.

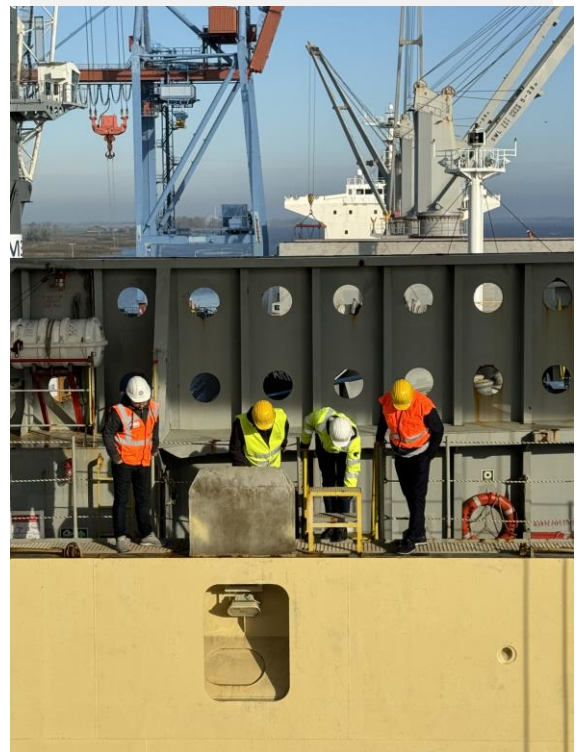
If you observe people smoking in the cargo hold, people standing below suspended loads or not wearing basic PPE, it is obvious that the rules are not followed.

But how can we say with certainty that someone is NOT preventing slips, trips and falls?

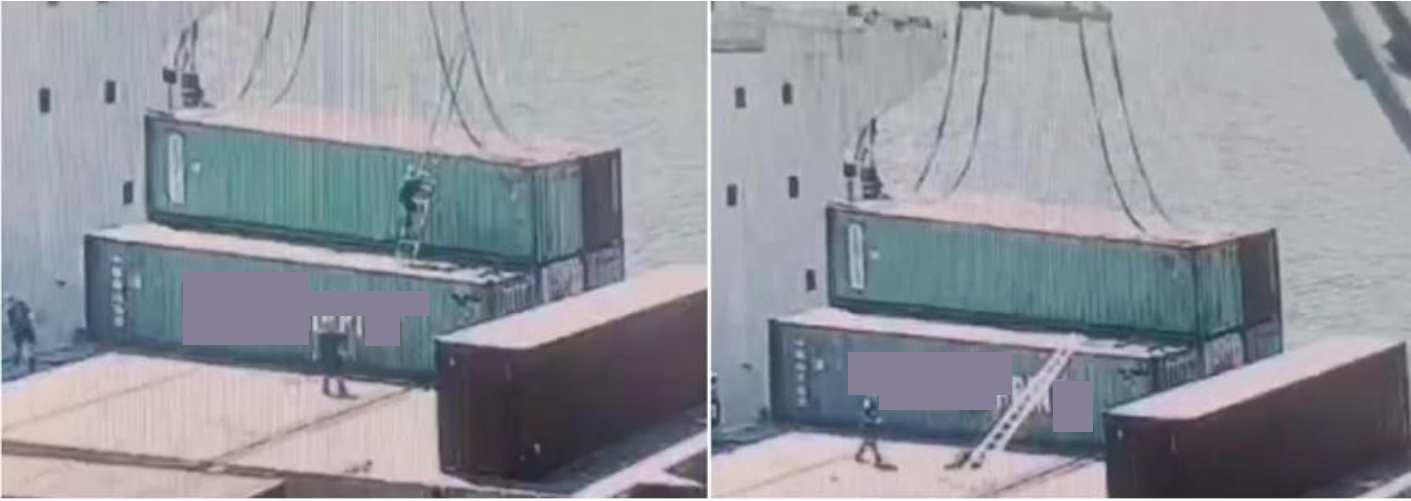
One example is standing on the hatch coaming, it is clear breach. In other situations, it can be more of a grey area.

Good examples of living by this rule include:

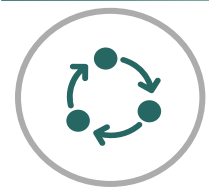
- Maintain 3 points of contact when climbing ladders (2 feet and 1 hand, or vice versa).
- Use safety harness when needed.
- Use the handrails.
- Close manholes and put deck gratings back in place, after work is finished.



This is not a grey area, this is too close to the edge.



- **Left:** CCTV captures a stevedore attempting to reach the top of a container, to remove the lifting hooks. A portable ladder is used.
- **Right.** After the fall. The ladder has dropped down.
- The above fall incident occurred in a port frequently visited by G2 Ocean vessels, but not onboard a vessel operated by our company. We do not know many details, but it happened some weeks ago.



Influence is one of G2 Ocean’s safety behaviours. We expect this behaviour from our own employees, and everyone we work with. If you for example always maintain 3 points of contact when climbing a ladder, others will be influenced by your good habits and adopt them.

Consequences:

- In the incident referred to above, G2 Ocean has learnt that the stevedore did not survive the injuries from the fall.
- An ICHCA study into 500 fatalities among port workers, shows that falls is the third most frequent cause of fatalities (ref ICHCA Severe Risks Dashboard).

Lesson learned:

- We are saddened by the loss of life among stevedores.
- Regularly ask yourself: Am I doing what I can, to prevent slips, trips and falls? You may realize that you can:
 - ✓ Slow down a bit.
 - ✓ Move a bit further from the edge.
 - ✓ Tell your coworker to find a better suited ladder for the job.