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Safe distance



Granite, vehicle and persons in a limited space.

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.

A seasoned stevedore foreman once said that “the only soft objects in a port are the humans”. This edition is about danger zones and moving objects.

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

Best regards G2 Ocean Team

Crushed by cargo

“Crushed by cargo” is the leading cause of injuries in the maritime industry, according to ICHCA*. It has come to our knowledge that in September there was a fatality, when aluminium cargo hit a stevedore inside the cargo hold.

While this tragedy did not occur on one of our vessels, we have had an incident recently, which reminded us of why the below is one of our Life-Saving Rules.

The vessel was discharging granite blocks, and a forklift was used inside the cargo hold. As blocks were lifted out, the stevedores were frequently changing position, to stay out of the way. While the moving forklift will catch the eye, it was something else which unexpectedly started moving. See next page for details.



IDENTIFY DANGER ZONES

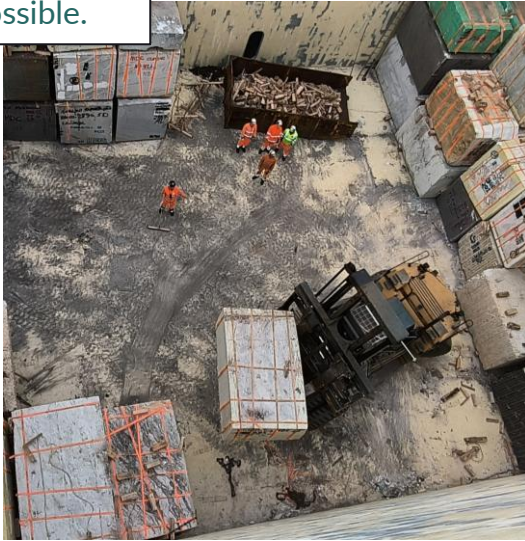
Always be aware of your surroundings. Identify potential hazards, including moving objects.

*Link: <https://ichca.com/ichca-severe-risks-dashboard>

Pedestrians and vehicles are segregated on this quay, but in the cargo hold this is not possible.



While discharging granite blocks, the forklift driver accidentally hit a block stowed on the third tier. A piece of granite hit the tank top (bottom of the cargo hold), resulting in a 1.5m long dent in the steel. (Note that the picture above was taken after the block had been lifted down to the tank top).



Integration is one of G2 Ocean's safety behaviors. We expect this behavior from our own employees and everyone we work with, including crew and stevedores. It means putting words into action. In the cargo hold, maintain safe distance to moving objects like vehicles, and objects which can unexpectedly move if something goes wrong.

Consequences:



- The actual consequence of the incident above was damage to the granite block and the tank top. There were no injuries.
- Potentially, this incident could have caused a fatality. Crushed by cargo is the most common cause of fatalities in ports.

Lesson learned:



- There were no injuries, because everybody was in a safe position when the incident happened.
- Thinking about your own workplace, where are you most exposed to a potential crush injury? During which activities? What can be done to reduce the risk?
- Identify danger zones. A safer position might be just a few steps away! It's a Life-Saving Rule!