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Innovation eliminates risk



Climbing is no longer necessary, when doing this task.

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.

In this edition we present an innovation made by Shoreham Port, which we hope can inspire others to eliminate or reduce fall risk at their workplace. If you have any feedback, please email us at:

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Best regards G2 Ocean Team

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From idea to reality



At Shoreham Port in England, one stevedore task is to place dunnage on top of cargo, which arrive on trucks. For every piece of wood, the worker had to climb or use a ladder, to put it in the right position.

Mindful of the fall risk, the stevedores decided to make a new tool: A pole which can be used to position the dunnage, while the stevedore remains safely at ground level.

The first version was too heavy, but testing continued and aluminium was eventually used to make the pole. For this work task, the fall risk is now **eliminated**.

Our G2 Ocean cargo operations require the presence of persons inside the cargo hold. There is a fall risk, which can not be reduced to zero. On the next page, you can read about a fall accident.



The port has developed different poles, to fit different sizes of timber dunnage.



Fall accident: Some months ago, a stevedore was injured in this cargo hold, during discharging of steel coils. He entered the hold through the opening highlighted above, using a portable ladder. At the time of the incident the coils were stacked only two high, not three as is the case in this picture. The ladder slipped and the stevedore fell from a height of 2-3 meters.



Innovation is one of G2 Ocean's safety behaviours. We expect this behaviour from our own employees, and everyone we work with. It means to always look for safer ways of working and get out of the "we have always done it like that" way of thinking.

Consequences:



- Actual: The stevedore broke his wrist and had a sick leave of more than three days.
- Potential: Ref is made to the <https://ichca.com/ichca-severe-risks-dashboard>. The statistics show that falls is one of the most common cause of fatalities among stevedores and vessel crew.

Lesson learned:



- Lessons learned from the above accident: There should have been a second person to hold the ladder, and it should have been secured with ropes.
- The bigger point is that we all need to look for innovations in equipment, or tweak the way things are done, to reduce or eliminate fall risk. That is what stevedores at Shoreham Port did, turning a good idea into reality.
- Have you been creative lately? You can share your innovation with others and even win a prize, by submitting it to ICHCA & TT Club: <https://ichca.com/tt-club-innovation-in-safety-award-2026>