

## Safety alert: Deck hatch closed on deckhand

### Depiction of incident

- During a CTV audit of rescue equipment on port, a deckhand was retrieving a stretcher from below deck.
- Whilst climbing out of the void space the hatch dropped and hit the deckhand on the forehead.
- The deckhand received first aid treatment on board the CTV and was then taken to A&E for further attention, where surgical glue and strips were applied to cut.

### Preventive actions

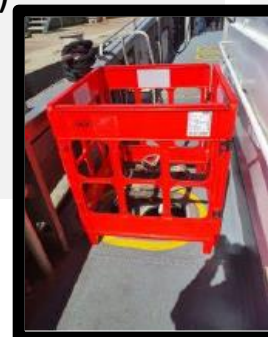
- Toolbox talk to be delivered to all crew regarding hatch safety secure hatches when working below
- Use the correct PPE for task
- Barriers around all open hatches at all times to highlight deck crew inside void and engine spaces.
- Conduct formal planning meeting before starting the days work and highlight associated risks.
- Review storage below deck (Can the equipment be stored above deck to reduce open hatch operations)

### Learnings

- All tasks to be completed in compliance with adequate risk assessment.
- Vessel Master to control all CTV work in port.
- All crew to conduct 20 second scan prior to all task onboard/Crew to conduct POWRA
- Emergency preparedness to be assessed and reviewed regularly
- Consider the role of a 'safety champion' on all vessels to ensure compliance to rules and feedback any identified improvements.



Open hatch



Barrier around open hatch