

## Safety alert: Ankle tripped on vessel door

### Depiction of incident

- A injured person (IP) was entering an office in a vessel while carrying items with both hands.
- The IP caught foot on the bottom door sill at the door between the stairwell and the office and fell.
- Sill was slightly more raised than other door sills and black and yellow hazard tape is present on the sill.
- Medic administered first aid to left ankle and elbow. IP unable to walk due to a fractured ankle was evacuated to hospital.
- Vessel was steady with minimal movement.

### Why did it happen?

- There was a lack of guidance and awareness on how to carry items around the vessel offices.
- Insufficient focus and guidance on time management.
- Door design



Trip hazard - Door sill with 80mm height



Swelling

### Learnings

- Vessel slip trips and falls toolbox talk on potential trip hazards in internal areas in the vessel.
- Review vessel /office space induction to include hazards within accommodation and office work space. Refresher training and reminders at regular periods throughout the project via toolbox talk sessions.
- Stipulate a site requirement for all individuals to have one hand free when moving. Where both hands are required this is to be considered manual handling and should be dynamically risk assessed as per manual handling training. If multiple items are to be carried, then bags are to be used