

Safety alert: Manual handling injury in warehouse

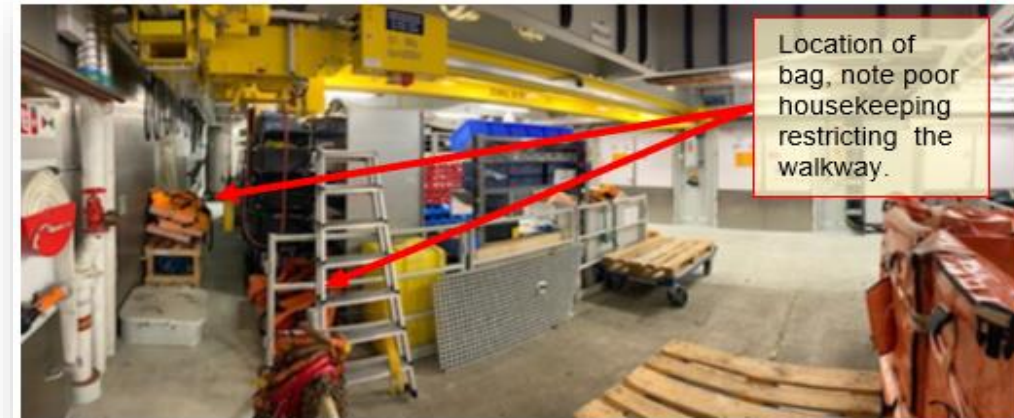
Consequence: Lost work day injury

Description of incident

- On the Offshore Accommodation Platform (OAP) the warehouse technician was in the warehouse undertaking housekeeping.
- While attempting to move a service/tool bag weighing approx. 30kgs, the injured person (IP) felt pain in his lower back.
- The next day the IP was discharged from the OAP on medical grounds for further evaluation shoreside and advised by his Doctor to refrain from work for a 7-day period.

Learnings

- Review warehouse procedures.
- Implement the marking of all service/tool bags clearly displaying weight indication by means of tagging or colour coding.
- Ensuring all persons involved in the task are aware of markings.
- Ensure all warehouse staff are trained correctly in the use of all mechanical lifting aids



Why did it happen?

- Failure to clearly mark service bags or identify the weight of the contents e.g. by specific colour coding or displaying contents and weight by use of a tagging system.
- Failure of IP to check contents correctly prior to moving
- Poor housekeeping
- Lack of dedicated identified and marked storage areas for service or tool bags
- Lack of standardised warehouse procedures
- Lack of mechanical lifting aids and sufficiently trained staff