



Operational Alerts inform Signal Mutual Members of serious incidents within the Mutual that resulted in permanent disability, death, or a significant near miss. If you have similar operations, please share this Operational Alert and have a safety discussion with operation managers, supervisors, equipment operators, and all affected employees. It is imperative that management review their operational controls at all levels to mitigate similar hazardous conditions and/or acts.

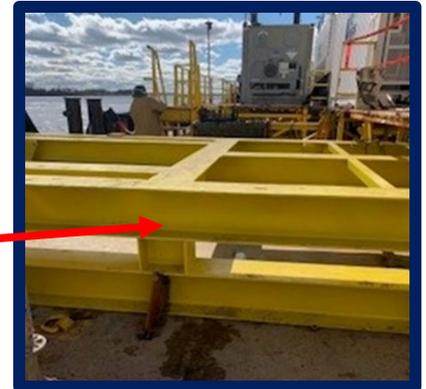
INCIDENT: SLIP/FALL ACCIDENT WHILE CLIMBING

SUMMARY OF RECENT INCIDENT

Work platforms are sometimes installed on the deck of the customer's vessels that personnel must cross in order to access work areas.

A recent incident occurred when a worker descended one of these platforms and tried stepping on the lower lip of the upper beam of the platform.

His foot slipped off causing him to fall approximately two feet onto the steel deck below.



Fortunately, no serious injury occurred. First aid treatment was given and he was able to return to work. Although this incident does not fall into the "high severity" category for an Operational Alert, Signal has seen a high frequency of similar falls in recent months across the Mutual. Since Oct 1, 2022, there have been over 169 slip/trip/falls incidents across the Mutual, which account for over 20% of all the claims submitted in the same timeframe. Please take time to review the root causes for S/T/F incidents and near misses with your employees, stress the importance of not being distracted while walking or climbing, practice good housekeeping at all times, stay in designated areas where employees are meant to work and transit, and always use handrails and 3 points of contact when climbing stairs, ladders, and equipment.

CONSIDERATIONS

Ship configuration may not allow for safe access and egress to all work areas.

Do not take shortcuts. Use safe routes where available.

Plan ahead as much as possible to assure workers can access all work areas safely. Consider opportunities to add scaffolding or other appropriate "engineered solutions" to allow safe passage for workers.

When workers encounter difficult or unsafe conditions they should report concerns immediately to the supervisor or HSE representative.



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