

FATAL FALL FROM A LADDER

The questions below are intended to be used to help review the incident case study either individually or in small groups. If possible, a good way of further reflecting on the issues identified is to then present and discuss your findings with others.

Please use both the information provided in the case study as well as your own experience and thoughts to reflect on the incident but more importantly, how the issues identified might relate to your own situation.

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE WAS THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF THE INCIDENT?

WHAT OTHER FACTORS DO YOU THINK CONTRIBUTED TO THE INCIDENT?

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WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE WERE THE BARRIERS THAT SHOULD HAVE PREVENTED THIS INCIDENT FROM OCCURRING?

WHY DO YOU THINK THESE BARRIERS MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE ON THIS OCCASION?

HOW DO YOU ENSURE THAT THESE BARRIERS ARE EFFECTIVE ON YOUR SHIP?

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WHEN DOES YOUR COMPANY REQUIRE A PERMIT TO WORK TO BE ISSUED PRIOR TO WORKING ALOFT?

IS IT ACCEPTABLE TO CARRY OUT A RISK ASSESSMENT VERBALLY IN YOUR COMPANY?
WHAT IS YOUR COMPANY REQUIREMENT FOR RISK ASSESSMENTS AND WHAT ASPECTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED?

WHAT SHOULD THE BOSUN HAVE DONE WHEN THE AB CONTINUED TO CLIMB LADDER? WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE IN THE SAME SITUATION ON YOUR SHIP?

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