

SCAFFOLDING FALL CAUSES SERIOUS INJURIES

THE QUESTIONS BELOW WILL HELP YOU TO REVIEW THE INCIDENT CASE STUDY EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR IN SMALL GROUPS. IF POSSIBLE, DISCUSS YOUR CONCLUSIONS WITH OTHERS, AS THIS IS A GOOD WAY OF THINKING ABOUT THE ISSUES IN MORE DEPTH.

Please use the information provided in the case study together with your own experiences and thoughts, to reflect on the incident and how the issues identified might relate to your own situation.

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

WHAT OTHER FACTORS DO YOU THINK CONTRIBUTED TO THE INCIDENT?

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WHAT DO YOU THINK WERE THE BARRIERS THAT SHOULD HAVE PREVENTED THIS INCIDENT?

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

HOW WOULD YOU CONFIRM THAT ANY MOBILE/PORTABLE EQUIPMENT USED FOR WORKING AT HEIGHT ON YOUR SHIP, SUCH AS SCAFFOLDING, LADDERS, ETC. IS APPROVED/CERTIFIED AND FIT FOR THE INTENDED PURPOSE?

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WHAT TRAINING HAVE YOU RECEIVED IN WORKING AT HEIGHT? HAVE YOU RECEIVED SPECIFIC TRAINING IN THE USE OF MOBILE/PORTABLE EQUIPMENT USED FOR WORKING AT HEIGHT, SUCH AS SCAFFOLDING OR MOBILE ELEVATED WORK PLATFORMS?

WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE BIGGEST RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF MOBILE SCAFFOLDING ON BOARD A SHIP?

WHAT TYPE OF WORKING AT HEIGHT EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE AND USED ON YOUR SHIP? DOES THIS INCLUDE FULL BODY HARNESSSES AND FALL ARREST DEVICES? ARE ADEQUATE ANCHORAGE POINTS ALWAYS AVAILABLE IF YOU ARE WORKING AT HEIGHT?

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