

Incident Learning: What happened?

On 23 September 2023, during the night shift, a contractor (Operator) at the Cape Town Wharf sustained a leg injury to the knee while walking on a ships deck grating steps. Whilst ascending the steps, the contractor inadvertently overlooked a step and fell. As per our procedure, Operators are required to access the ship control room in order to obtain the necessary signatures on the safety shore check list while the vessel is docked for operations. Consequently, the operator has to walk to the ship deck to get to the vessel control room. Due to the extent of the injury the contractor received 7 stitches to the knee and was booked off work for 3 days and this is classified as a level 2 recordable injury



What are the learnings for implementation?

- Tread carefully and keep your eyes on path when walking in wet/slippery surfaces.
- Always hold onto the handrails when ascending/descending stairways handrails

Preliminary Findings

- Weather conditions at the time of the incident – storming day
- The grating on the ship not level
- Employee was rushing to get out of the stormy weather
- The sign off could have waited until weather conditions were better.