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A fall from such a height onto the deck or into a cargo hold can result in death or very serious injury.

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In relation to working at height there are numerous departures from safe working practice including, but not necessarily limited to:-

- No staging or other means of safe access
- No secure point for harness
- Full body harness not being used
- Harness in use not properly fitted
- Numerous obstructions by gas leads and debris represent a trip hazard which could be fatal in this case
- Debris could fall on those below
- Area below not cordoned off
- No one assisting from deck level

3. *What does it say in your onboard risk assessment in respect of working at height?*

- Take this opportunity to discuss your risk assessment for working aloft
- Should this job even be going ahead? In normal circumstances a vessel may not have sufficient equipment aboard for adequate control measures to be put in place to allow this work to take place.

4. *What does the vessel permit to work say in respect of working at height?*

- Take this opportunity to discuss your permit to work system.