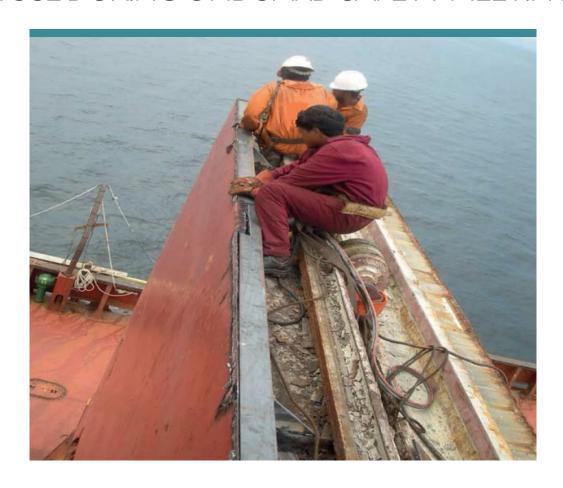


Talking Points: Working at Height

FOR USE DURING ONBOARD SAFETY MEETINGS



QUESTIONS

- Q What are the potential consequences of this situation?
- Q How many departures from safe working practice can you identify?
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ANSWERS

- What are the potential consequences of this situation?
- A fall from such a height onto the deck or into a cargo hold can result in death or very serious injury.
- Q How many departures from safe working practice can you identify?
- A 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

- What does it say in your onboard risk assessment in respect of working at height?
- A 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.
- What does the vessel permit to work say in respect of working at height?
- A Take this opportunity to discuss your permit to work system.

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