

Container door closed - injuring hand

SAFETY ALERT

Description of incident:

- The task was for an individual to transfer materials between storage containers
- The doors to the storage container were already open when the IP arrived to unload the materials
- As the IP was exiting the container, they grabbed hold of the door frame and at this point, a gust of wind blew the door shut against the IP's hand
- The IP reported to the Medic and was medivac'd to the local hospital for further assessment. where it was confirmed there were no breaks or open wounds, only bruising and slight swelling.

Findings:

- container door had not been secured in the open position
- A 20 second scan / Dynamic Risk Assessment could have identified the unsecured door
- A sudden change in weather condition was enough to blow the door shut



Line of Fire

Keep yourself and others out of the line of fire



- I position myself to avoid:
 - moving objects
 - vehicles
 - pressure releases
 - dropped objects
- I establish and obey barriers and exclusion zones
- I take action to secure loose objects and report potential dropped objects

Good practice:

- Whenever working in containers, onshore or offshore, ensure open doors are adequately secured to prevent unplanned movement
- Never place your hands in the line of fire, weather conditions can change in an instant
- Identify and wear the correct PPE - PPE is the last line of defence, the IP's injury could've been more serious had he not been wearing his