



Generic image of a crane cabin



Example of gratings on
crane floor window



High Value Learning

Cabin Inspections – for equipment operating cabins with floor level windows

Who Could Be Interested in This?

Onshore Leadership, Cranes Services Companies, Drilling Companies, Marine Companies, Logistics companies, OIMs, Site Managers, Service Team Leaders, Crane Operators, Crane Maintenance Staff, Deck Crew Foreman, Deck Crew, Safety Reps.

What is This All About?

This High Value Learning (HVL) has been created following the release of IADC Safety Alert [Hidden Hazard: Glass Panels Exposed When Grating Removed \(Alert 25 – 9\)](#)

A fatal incident occurred 14th November 2025 on a drilling rig in the North Sea when an individual fell from height.



Some Things to Consider

Carry out inspections of all equipment operating cabins and record the findings. The following checklist can be used:

- **Q1:** Conduct an inspection of all equipment operating cabin windows and floor panels. State the condition and confirm they are secure or not.
- **Q2:** Is a floor window incorporated into the design of the cabin?
- **Q3:** If so, is a floor grid/grating fitted, how is it secured and does it cover the entire window?
- **Q4:** Is the floor grid/grating supported by the steel frame of the window? (The windowpane should not be supporting any load)
- **Q5:** If the floor grid/grating must be removed for cleaning of the window, how is the task conducted?
- **Q6:** Is there a formal procedure or permit to work (PTW) and risk assessment in place for removing floor grid/grating and does it address how to prevent a fall through an exposed window?
- **Q7:** Are there any other workplace hazards that exist which could result in injury, fall from height or dropped object?

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Verification of learnings shared and feedback method

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To ensure this learning leads to meaningful improvement, follow the **Plan, Do, Check, Act** process and **provide your feedback** to **Step Change in Safety**.

Plan

Review the learning and assess how it applies to your organisation, work area or tasks.

Identify any risks, gaps, or required changes to current procedures.



Do

Implement necessary actions – communicate changes, update procedures, and ensure everyone affected understands their responsibility.



Check

Monitor the effectiveness of the changes. Observe work practices, gather feedback, and verify that the learnings have been understood and applied correctly.



Act

Make any needed adjustments based on what you've learned.

Share lessons with your team, document improvements and feedback to Step Change in Safety.



Share your learnings and feedback via the
Resource Feedback form.

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create a safer workplace for everyone.



Feedback Form