

# Safety Alert

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**Subject: Fall into Chain Locker**

## What Happened / Narrative

Whilst working onboard an anchor handling vessel alongside in port, an Able Seaman (AB) fell into an open chain locker (~8 meters deep) during mobilisation for pre-lay workscope.

The AB sustained a minor head injury and was rescued within 5 minutes using onboard emergency procedures.

The injured crew member was transported to hospital for treatment and discharged the following day.

## Why Did it Happen / Cause

The subsequent investigation into the incident highlighted 3 causes:

- Open hatch left unsecured after previous operations.
- Poor lighting in the chain locker area (light above locker was off).
- Issues with communications.

## Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

- Implement robust communications with the bridge when operating hatches.
- Ensure all openings are secured immediately after use/operation.
- Improve lighting in operational areas and verify before work starts.
- Reinforce STOP WORK authority for unsafe conditions.

## Photographs / Supporting Information



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