Safety Alert

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Subject: Lost Time Injury – Cut to Hand

What Happened / Narrative

Shortly after departure, a crew member reported to the Bridge with a cut to his hand. He had been carrying empty boxes from the store and through the galley when he caught his hand on the sharp edge of a jubilee clip protruding in the transit area. First Aid was administered on-board however the Master deemed further medical attention was required and the vessel swiftly returned to port.

The crew member was sent ashore to the local hospital where medication and seven stitches were applied. The crew member was subsequently declared unfit for work for seven days.

Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

The offending sharp edge was quickly covered to prevent further injury. It is worth noting that the crew member had only been on-board for two days and it is likely he was not fully appraised or aware of the hazards in his new work area.

We would like to re-enforce each crew member is responsible for ensuring their own work site remains safe and hazard free at all times which is then followed up by area inspections as carried out monthly by the vessel Safety Officer.

Any hazards or potential issues should be immediately rectified and noted in the Safety Report.

Photographs / Supporting Information