

Safety Alert

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Subject: Potential Dropped Object – Inbound Cargo

What Happened / Narrative

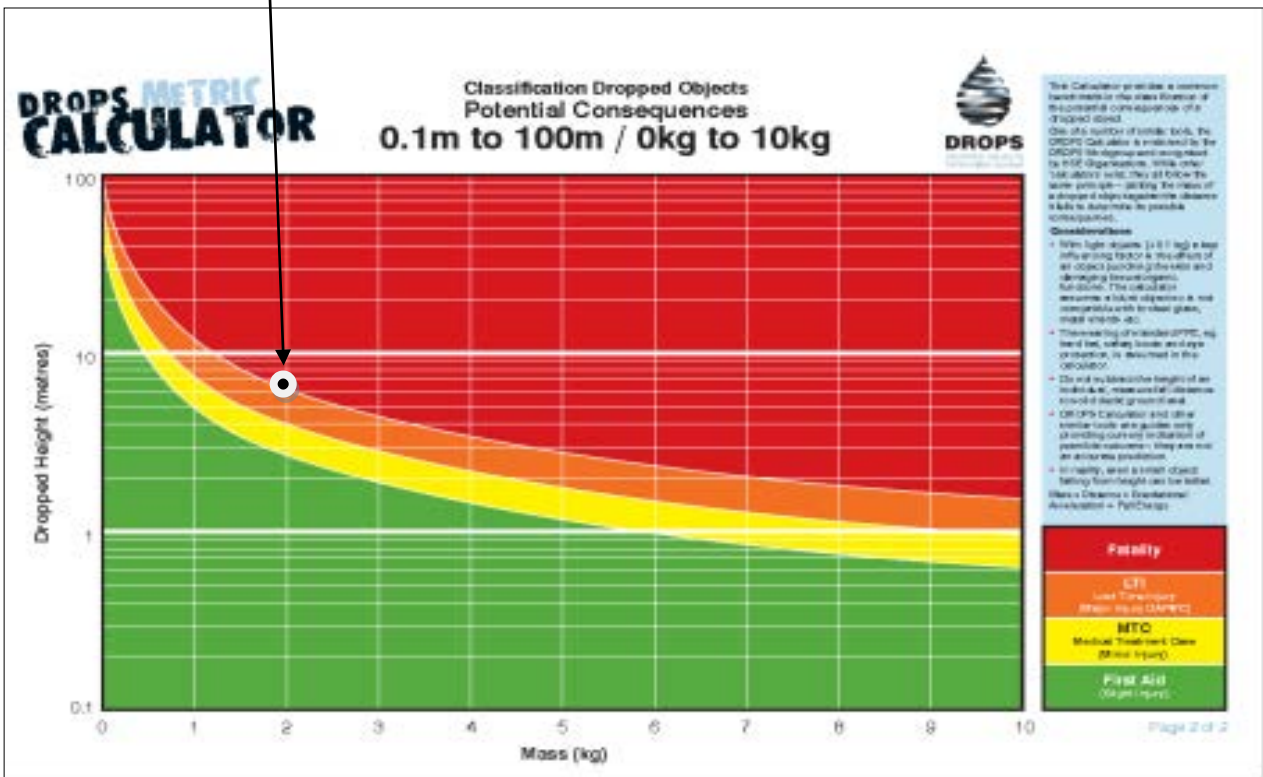
The Dust Pump was back-loaded at a Semi-Sub drilling rig. Once on the quayside it was discovered that a steel blanking plate had been stored in the fork-lift pocket whilst the unit was in service.

The unit had been offshore for around two years.

This plate had potential for serious harm if dropped.



Estimated Weight of Steel Plate Potential Dropped Object was 2kg. From the DROP's calculator this could be fatal when falling from heights of 6.5 metres and above.



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Why Did it Happen / Cause

The unit was inspected offshore but the plate was not noticed. The units' stowed position had made it very difficult for the crew to examine in detail.



Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

Offshore crews reminded to carry out thorough checks of all cargo prior to back-loading to vessels.

How carefully and thoroughly do you check cargo units for potential dropped objects?

Sometimes things are not always what they seem.....



For further information refer to the 'Best Practice for the Safe Packing & Handling of Cargo to & From Offshore Locations' available from www.onshoreoffshorecargo.com

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