

Safety Alert

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Subject: Using Weather Tight Doors

What Happened / Narrative

The IP stepped outside during his watch to investigate an error showing on DP sensor (Radscan). On his return he entered the wheelhouse from the outer bridge deck through the weather tight door. At the time of entering the bridge, the vessel made a slight roll (2-3 degrees). Due to the weight of the door (approx. 350 kg), and holding the door while passing through, the IP lost control of the door. His foot became trapped/caught between the door and the doorframe as the door slammed shut. As a result, the IP sustained some bruising, which was treated with a cold ice pack. His foot was bruised, there were no fractures.

Why Did it Happen / Cause

- While the weight of the door was widely acknowledged as a hazard, no risk assessment was in place.
- The IP was not wearing safety boots or safety shoes at the time.

Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

- Conduct risk assessment on hazards and implement all reasonably possible preventative measures, including correct PPE.
- Report incidents within timescales to the company and Client directly, as per clients requirements.
- Improved design / automatic locking device for door, identified/ordered during risk assessment (post-incident – see below)

Photographs / Supporting Information



350 kgs WT door



Bruised / swollen foot



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risk assessment

(post incident)

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