

Safety Alert

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Subject: Dropped Object – Loose Pipe Fell from Upper Level

What Happened / Narrative

During a routine inspection of a vessels engine room, a loose pipe was discovered on the tank top walkway.

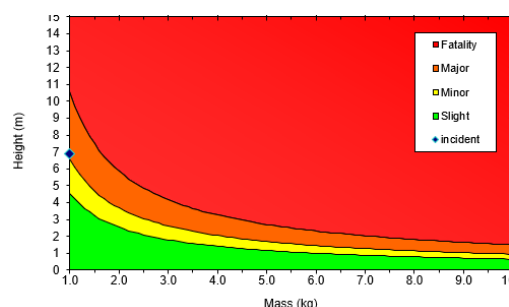
An investigation determined that the pipe most likely fell from a box containing metal offcuts located approximately 7 metres above the tank top. The pipe measured 1.14 metres in length and weighed approximately 1 kg with the potential outcome shown on the Drops Calculator below.

The investigation determined that the pipe first impacted the area outside the walkway before bouncing onto the walkway, where it was later discovered.

The conclusion that the pipe fell from above is supported by damage observed on a sensor located near where the pipe was found.

No personnel were in the immediate vicinity at the time of the incident, and no injuries or damage were reported. The object was identified and recovered during the inspection round.

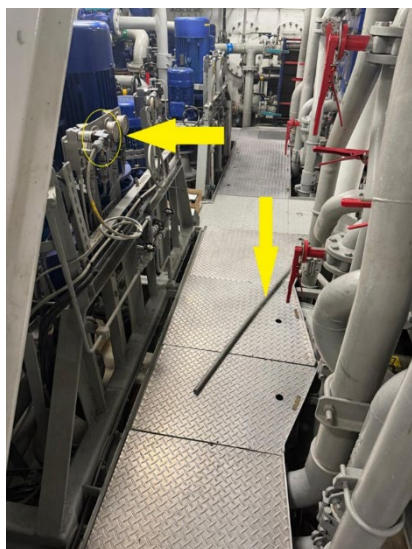
The incident highlights the potential for dropped objects arising from inadequate storage or containment of materials at height and reinforces the importance of maintaining effective housekeeping and securing loose items.



Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

- The vessel has removed the offcut box from the location. Improvements in the storage and management of off cuts have now been implemented.
- The vessel has conducted a hazard hunt for similar storage arrangements posing a hazard of objects dropped over a significant distance.
- All other vessels in the owners fleet have received instruction to conduct a similar hazard hunt to identify storage arrangements where there are hazards of objects dropped over significant distance, and if such hazards are identified to mitigate immediately, i.e. to re-locate the storage and to ensure integrity of storage arrangements acknowledging that objects falling out of a box does not only pose the risk of being hit by a dropped object, but also risks for slips, trips and falls.

Photographs / Supporting Information



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