

# Safety Alert

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**Subject: Hit by Mud/Clay During Anchor Handling Operations**

## What Happened / Narrative

During recovery of anchors from the seabed a marine rep was injured after he got a 50 kg lump of mud/clay rolled onto his back as he was checking the Identification number of a shackle. The anchor was secured on deck and tension was off but the anchor had not been disconnected and moved to the stowage area. Most of the mud/clay had fallen off during the recovery but some mud/clay was still attached to the anchor.

## Why Did it Happen / Cause

The Injured Party did not see the hazard and as he was leaning down the mud/clay rolled off and hit him over his back. He fell and sprained his ankle and suffered pain in his back as the result of the incident.

## Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

It's our responsibility stop unsafe acts and to ensure all crew on deck are operating in a safe manner. As seen in this incident equipment arriving on deck must be clear of mud/clay before persons stand directly under as the mud/clay can be heavy even in small amounts.

## Photographs / Supporting Information



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