

## Hazard hunt: Pilot ladders and gangways

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A Member has taken a focus on pilot ladders and gangways, following an incident where a gangway collapsed, causing the death of the pilot.

### What happened?

The incident occurred when a gangway wire parted, causing the gangway to pivot at the top platform hinge and fall into the sea.

### What lessons were learned?

Our Member noted that:

- Accommodation ladders and gangways, and associated fittings, should be properly maintained and inspected at appropriate intervals.
- When accommodation ladders and gangways are rigged, checks should be made for signs of distortion, cracks, or corrosion.
- Care should be taken to ensure all moving parts are moving freely and are lubricated as necessary.
- Checks should be made of any lifting equipment or wires.
- Examine the underside of accommodation ladders and gangways at regular intervals.
- Rigging and derigging of accommodation ladders and gangways should be conducted under appropriate supervision.

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