

Person injured going down ladder

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A person was descending the fixed ladder of a carousel manhole lost his footing and fell approximately 87 cm.

What happened?

A person was descending the fixed ladder of a carousel manhole. He lost his footing on the last three rungs, approximately 87 cm from the flooring. Falling backward, his helmet came off, and his head struck the edge of a steel structure and he was injured. Immediate medical attention was provided on board by the ship's medic. A follow-up medical assessment was subsequently organized ashore, where he received stitches.

Possible causes (as indicated by the member)

- Inattention: Misjudgement of the remaining steps while descending the ladder contributed to the slip.
- Improper PPE Use: The IP did not properly secure the chinstrap of his safety helmet, causing it to fall off during the incident.
- Inadequate Working Environment: Poor lighting at the bottom of the carousel manhole may have contributed to the incident.
- Lack of Signage: No signage was present to indicate the mandatory use of safety harnesses for work in the carousel's manhole.

Actions

- Improved lighting in the area.
- Be aware of your working environment and keep a focus when you are moving – watch out for complacency.
- Ensure that all PPE, especially the helmet, is worn and secured correctly.

IOGP Life Saving Rules:



Working at height

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