

Two recent incidents involving injuries

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The Marine Safety Forum (MSF) has published two safety flashes regarding incidents in which workers onboard vessels have injured themselves.

- The first incident occurred when a crewman was using an electric angle grinder at the top of a ladder and lost his balance, dropping the grinder, which caused a cut above his right knee.
- The second incident occurred when an engineer was working on an electric air compressor which had not been switched off, isolated or tagged out. The machine started up whilst his fingers were in the path of the fan, causing lacerations of his fingers which resulted in the vessel being re-routed back to port. Isolation of the compressor was not conducted as the engineer deemed the task to be a 'two minute job'.

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