

Potential dropped object from container

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Before backloading a container from rig to vessel, it was noted that there were two metal blocks in the top corner pockets of the container.

What went wrong?

Findings: The blocks were loose metal blocks size of approximately 12 cm by 5 cm weighing between 1.6 and 2 kg each.

The container had undergone two lifts coming to the rig and was just about to be lifted off the rig when the blocks were noticed whilst carrying out pre-load out checks.

The blocks were found to be stacking guides used in the yard when stacking containers.

There was potential for serious injury had the blocks become dislodged during a lift, and also potential for severe injury to personnel in surrounding vehicles and/or pedestrians if the blocks had become dislodged and fallen during transit on the public highway from the yard to the quayside.

Actions

- Stacking pins now painted in contrasting **visible colour** for easy identification.
- Additional spot checks and verification checks on all containers before load-out.
- Use a twist lock such as that illustrated here:

Members may wish to review:

- Standard Club's [A Master's guide to container securing](#), 3rd edition

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