

Painter line snapped and hit crew member in the face

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A painter line snapped during towing operations; the flying end struck a worker in the face and destroyed his safety glasses

IOGP Life Saving Rules:



Line of fire

What happened?

A painter line snapped during towing operations, and the flying end struck a worker in the face.

The worker was wearing full PPE (helmet and safety glasses) and had it not been for the helmet and safety glasses there could have been a more serious injury.

The safety glasses were destroyed.



What went wrong?

Investigation of this incident is ongoing. Our member notes that findings will be shared in due course.

This bulletin is intended to **RE-MIND** us of the importance of Personal Protective Equipment.

Members may wish to refer to:

- [IMCA HSS038](#) - Mooring incidents
- the following IMCA Line of fire videos:



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