

MSF: Hand injuries

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The Marine Safety Forum has published two safety flashes regarding hand injuries.

Incident 1

A crewman suffered crush injuries when his hand was caught between a small boat and a davit frame as the small boat was being recovered. The incident occurred because he put his hand out to steady himself, didn't look where he put his hand and inadvertently placed it on the FRC davit frame.

Incident 2

Whilst unpacking supplies, someone received a 1.5 to 2.0cm cut to the back of his left hand between his index and middle finger. The injury was caused by an old packing knife blade of approximately 7 cm. It was not known how or why the blade came to be in the box.

Members are reminded that IMCA has published a pocket safety card '[Watch your hands](#)'.

The safety flashes are now available [on request](#) from the Marine Safety Forum.

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