

## LTI: Hand injury resulting from clothing catching on door

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A heavy door closed hard on a crew member's hand, injuring his thumb

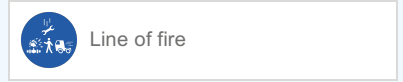
### What happened

Crew were standing down from mooring stations after a vessel left port.

A crew member was passing through a heavy door, when the left sleeve of his overalls got caught on the door locking slot in the door jamb. Before he could free the sleeve, the closing door shut hard on his hand, causing injury to the ball of his thumb.

First aid was rendered on board immediately. The crew member was referred to the doctor ashore for further treatment and was advised to sign off for further treatment thereafter.

#### IOGP Life Saving Rules:



Left sleeve of the boiler suit caught on the door locking slot in the door jamb

### What went wrong?

**Immediate causes** identified were:

- carelessness and lack of situational awareness – he did not safely pass the door frame resulting in coverall sleeve being snagged by the door jamb
- the cuff or sleeve of his overall was loose
- the door closing mechanism was not properly adjusted.

**Causal factors:**

- management – inadequate work standards: the weekly inspection did not adequately identify the potential hazards of door closing mechanism and unsafe door jamb.

The **root cause** identified was that risks were considered tolerable – crew were using the door on a daily basis without observing and reporting the existence of the potential hazards, and wearing overalls with sleeves loose.

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