

## Fatal fall from tug Svitzer Moira

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The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) has published a report into a fatal accident when a crew member fell and was crushed as the tug *Svitzer Moira* was being manoeuvred alongside an unmanned tug at Royal Portbury Dock, Bristol, on 29 December 2015.

### The MAIB summary highlights the following key issues:

- No toolbox talk took place – the job was deemed as routine by the crew and assumptions were made. A toolbox talk, prior to any hazardous task, is a good opportunity for all crew to have an input, and to ensure all share the same common goal
- The engineer was not wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) at the time of this tragic accident, though it is unlikely that its use would have changed the outcome.
- The investigation found shortcomings in the oversight and control of deck operations and lapses in the use of PPE, indicative of a significant divergence between company instructions and working practices on board that had not been corrected by shore management.

The full report can be downloaded

from [assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/57f61875ed915d06fd000021/MAIBInvReport19-2016.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/57f61875ed915d06fd000021/MAIBInvReport19-2016.pdf).

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