

## Dropped object near-miss: Crane rest damage

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A member has reported an incident in which a section of H-beam steel plate fell from a crane boom rest.

### What happened?

The incident occurred during the booming up of the vessel's aft crane. The main hook "headache ball" or hook snagged the adjoining twin fall main block storage structure H Beam (Photo 1). This caused a 50 cm section of storage structure H-beam steel plate to be damaged (Photo 2). The H-beam section, weighing 20 kg, fell 40-50 cm into the main hook bucket which is 2 m in depth (Photo 3). There was a risk potential for the steel plate to have fallen 4.3 m to the vessel deck area below.

### Further investigation of this incident is on-going. Our member's initial investigation revealed the following:

- No Banksman in place for removing the crane from the rest.
- Ineffective communications between the crane operator and the banksman.

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