

Marine Safety Forum – Safety Flash 12-19

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Subject: Fracture to Right Foot

While vessel had to move approximately 300m to new berth, AB was on quay wall assisting with mooring lines. Able Seaman let go lines and walked to new position to make ready the other mooring lines.

Able Seaman fell in unmarked drain or manhole on quay wall.



Brief Description of Root Cause:

- No grid over deep drain or manhole, no hazard marking around the hole.
- Able Seaman not familiar with the area.

Learning's and Preventative Actions:

- Watch your step when walking around all areas, especially when not familiar with the area.
- All areas should be examined so that slips trips and falls hazards are identified prior to commencement of any operations.
- All hazardous areas should be clearly marked.
- Having identified hazards, Risk Assessments are to be carried out.
- Use the risk assessment in consultation with the crew members to determine the best means of elimination and controlling the risk.