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DROPPED OBJECTS— DANGER TO EVERYBODY!

Over the summer months we have seen an increasing number of **Dropped Objects**, both on outbound and inbound cargo. Any of these objects could cause serious injury or fatality. Just over 500 grams, dropped from 10 meters would be fatal. We have items from 10 grams to 9000 grams dropped from platform to vessel—some from over 30 meters.

Importantly, these objects are often carried by road to loading destination or from discharging port—this means that not only our offshore and quayside crews are at risk, but we are also putting the public and road users at risk if we leave loose objects on / in cargo!

A 10 gram object, at 100 km / hr will go through a car windshield and may cause a serious road traffic accident / multiple fatalities.

Other items we have found over the summer months include:

- A 900 gram square plackard from container to deck—stuck deep into the deck
- A door locking pin weighing 1 kg
- A padlock weighing 270 grams
- Spanner weighing 600 grams, another weighing 1800 grams!


workers, by type of injury event — United States, 2003–2006*

Injury event	No. of fatal injuries
Highway crash	110
Struck by object	88
Explosion	36
Fall to lower level	30
Fire	27
Caught or compressed in moving machinery or tools	26
Electrocution	26


Electrocution of workers was often caused by workers being ejected upon impact and likely were not wearing seatbelts. A total of 88 (22%) workers died after being struck by tools and equipment (most of which were dropped from a height), and another 26 (6%) were caught or compressed in moving machinery or tools. Approximately one

Dropped objects affect you

ALWAYS CHECK
for loose objects



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The Dropped Objects Prevention Scheme 

We have a further 30 loose / dropped object reports since the start of the year!

Please be aware at all times and make every effort to identify and remove any potential dropped and loose objects!

LET'S STOP THE DROPS—NOW!!!