



## Work Safety Alert A Worker Fallen into Sea from a Dock

1. **Date of Accident :** October 2023

2. **Place of Accident :** A dock

3. **Summary :**

A worker fell into sea while transporting goods with a wooden dolly down a ramp at a loading area of a dock. He was rescued and taken to hospital where he was certified dead.

4. **Work Safety Alert for Proprietors/ Employers :**

To ensure the safety of workers/ employees engaged in transportation of goods at a dock, proprietors/ employers should provide and maintain a safe system of work which should include, but not limited to, the following:

- appointing a competent person to conduct a task-specific risk assessment to identify all potential hazards associated with the operation, taking into account the nature of the work, the loads, the equipment used for the operation, the route of transportation as well as the working environment;
- using suitable equipment or mechanical aid to carry loads;
- ensuring the equipment or mechanical aid is fitted with means that is capable to hold it on slope;
- stacking, stabilizing and handling the loads properly to prevent it from overturning or displacing in the course of transportation;
- providing all workers/ employees involved with necessary safety information, instruction and training, and ensuring that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and the working environment; and



- establishing and implementing an effective monitoring and control system to ensure that all safety measures are strictly followed.

## 5. Reference :

- [Safe Systems of Work](#)<sup>1</sup>
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)<sup>1</sup>
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training](#)<sup>1</sup>
- [A Guide to Part VII of the Occupational Safety and Health Regulation \(Manual Handling Operations\)](#)<sup>1</sup>

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