

Marine Safety Flash

A14-15 (15th September)



Soft tissue injury to hand

Incident Overview

An Integrated Rating sustained a soft tissue injury to their right hand whilst drilling a hole in a 20mm thick mooring winch cheek plate. Whilst completing the final hole, the drill grabbed and forced the IP's wrist into another part of the drum injuring his right hand.

Key Findings

- Work was stopped
- IP returned to the vessel for first aid treatment (ICE) followed by a medical assessment
- Management was notified and an investigation initiated



Hand Positioning whilst drilling hole

Recommendations

Areas to be considered:

- Is work positioning correct for the task?
- Is the correct tool being used for the task?
- Has a Step back 5x5 Situational Risk awareness process been used to identify and control all hazards prior to commencing task?