

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DISABLING WORK INJURIES

1. An ordinary seaman, wearing wet shoes, slipped and fell upon entering a ladderwell. He injured his left knee.

COMMENT: The man should have been wearing rubber boots while washing down exterior decks. A bit more caution would have prevented the accident.

2. A new employee (waiter) stepped on the coaming of a watertight door opening. In doing so, he hit his head on the top section.

COMMENT: Always step over door coamings - not on them. Look before you step.

3. An able-bodied seaman slipped on the wet deck aft and dislocated his shoulder.

COMMENT: Seamen should exercise more caution in the early morning when decks are covered with morning dew.

4. A stewards utilityman, using a sun lamp for a reading lamp suffered severe burns to both eyes.

COMMENT: Sun lamps should not be used on board ship. Desk lamps are installed for use of personnel.

5. A waiter was lifting a 30# box of paper towels when he felt something pop in his back.

COMMENT: Exercising proper lifting position and procedures would have prevented the man from injuring his back.

6. An ordinary seaman cut the stops holding one end of preventer stays in preparing for CG inspection. The lower ends of the stays dropped on and injured his left foot.

COMMENT: Obtain assistance when job requires more than one man to handle equipment. Keep feet out of the way of falling equipment.

7. An engine utilityman strained and injured his back while using a comealong to remove a stuffing box from a feed pump.

COMMENT: Proper type of tools are required and should be used for certain jobs.

8. An assistant cook severely injured the tendon in the small finger on his left hand while hurriedly pulling down the dog to secure the port hole dead light, during a drill.

COMMENT: Do not endeavor to force equipment with bare hands. Obtain and use the proper tool for the job.

Brief description of disabling work injuries, cont'd

9. A third assistant engineer fell asleep in the sun. His legs were badly sunburned and swelled considerably.

COMMENT: Exercise more caution in the tropics. Use lotions or ointments on exposed parts or better still, cover up from direct exposure of sun.

10. A fire watchman boarding a liberty boat lost his balance, struck and injured his left side on the gunwhale then fell into the water injuring his forehead on the dock piling.

COMMENT: Exercise more care in boarding liberty boats. Get help from your fellow crew members.