

Safety File
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From: Medical Officer
To: Master

Subj: Shower Shoes; wearing of

1. On the current voyage there have been at least two injuries on ladderwells due to personnel wearing shower shoes or open toed sandals. The result of this type of injury can cause an individual to wear a cast for a period of 5 to 6 weeks with the man in a limited duty or no duty status depending upon his job because of a fracture or severe sprain.
2. This type of footware is loose fitting and can easily catch on the steps of a ladderwell or slip on a wet deck and cause the wearer to fall and injure himself. Also, the wearer has no protection if he hits his foot against an obstruction in the daytime or at night when his vision is impaired by the darkness.
3. Because of this problem, it is recommended that the wearing of shower shoes and open toed sandals be restricted to the crew's living spaces and not allowed on deck or in messing spaces.

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