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Fleet Memo #36: Increase in Hand Injuries

In the past year, TDI has had a significant increase in hand injuries, most of which were severe enough to be reportable. The core of our business involves handling heavy equipment on a moving deck and hand injuries are an inherent risk in the process.

In an effort to mitigate that risk, TDI provides PPE and training on its use. We have created Job Safety Analyses (JSAs) for all our deck work and try to engineer out as much exposure to hand injury as possible. However, no amount of JSA review or PPE can protect you from injury better than your own situational awareness. You must always be aware of when your hands are at risk of being cut or crushed and move to avoid it. Do not EVER put your hands between moving equipment and the vessel in an attempt to stop it moving. Before you start working, plan an escape route to get yourself out of the way and use it when equipment starts to swing.

On the new ship web pages under the Index of Pages there is a new HSE & Toolbox Safety Series page. On that page in the right column toward the top, there is a five part series on hand injuries. Please take the time to review these with your crew during your safety meetings over the next two weeks. When complete, please scan and send the sign in sheets to hse@tdi-bi.com.