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HEALTH SAFETY ENVIRONMENTAL



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## High Potential Incident - Dropped Object

A recent incident occurred offshore during the process of removing a “Hooch” that was located on a section of scaffolding that extended beyond the walkway. During this process, a company employee was working approximately 20’ below on the main deck when he noticed pieces of scrap metal falling from the hooch to the main deck. No personnel were injured from the dropped objects; however, the potential for serious injury was extremely high. A Safety Standown was conducted shortly thereafter and the following root causes were identified:

### ROOT CAUSES:

- **Housekeeping** - Workers should maintain proper housekeeping of materials and tools before, during and after a task has been completed. In regards to Hot-Work, a metal container with water should always be available.
- **Labeling** - The proper barricades and signs below the work area were not appropriate to prevent unaware employees from entering the area below the operations on the upper deck.
- **Communication** - No proper communication was established between the work groups working above and below the main deck to identify and mitigate any SIMOPS Hazards.

### REMEMBER!

When working at heights, dropped tools and materials can pose a significant safety hazard to people, property and the environment.

- ✓ It is the responsibility of every employee to ensure that proper communication has been established between all the different work groups that are performing (SIMOPS) Simultaneous Operations.
- ✓ Always use the proper procedure to barricade and label areas for all drop zones.
- ✓ Always utilize the “Dropped Objects Checklist” to assist with identifying potential hazards when working at heights.
- ✓ All pre-job planning and procedural control of tasks should address the position of personnel and the potential dangers.

***Report all incidents immediately to the Hotline  
1-855-543-5163.***



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