

Longshore Safety Tip

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Bunker Barge Safety



Have you ever thought about the workers on a Bunker Barge?

They say it is scary sometimes as lashing bars, cones and even containers fall from the ship to crash onto the barge without warning.

Ask yourself, Why are these types of accidents happening ?

Who's not paying attention ? Who's responsible ? The Crane Operator, the Lashers, the Boss or Superintendent ?



Supervision: Let everyone know if the red "BRAVO FLAG" is flying, the ship is bunkering!



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Think of the Tanker Workers

It is vital that everyone know and appreciate that there is a bunker barge alongside when working cargo.



Lashers: Control all bars. Don't let them drop or bounce. Steel bars deflecting off steel decks can skip a long way. They can end up on a bunker barge or in the middle of the highline!



Crane Operators: be especially careful when handling containers in stacks next to a bunker barge

Containers or lashing bars falling on bunker barges could injure tanker personnel or cause an oil spill.