

# Longshore Safety Tip

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## LASHER SAFETY

*Always keep control of the lashing rod!*

### **HOW?**

*By working with a partner.*

*“4 hands on a lashing bar & turnbuckle are better than 2.”*



### PPE

*It only works if you use it!*



*Remember: Crane operators may not see lashers close to the container.*

*There are lots of ways that lashers can get injured or killed!*

- ◆ *Falls from catwalks*
- ◆ *Falls into open man holes*
- ◆ *Struck by falling cones*
- ◆ *Struck by falling lashing rods*
- ◆ *Strains from working turn buckles*
- ◆ *Crushed by lowered container*
- ◆ *Crushed between container and ships' structure*



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# Lasher Safety



*Watch out for the gap!*

*Watch out for loose or missing grates and man-hole covers.*



*If there is a problem, Contact your Foreman or Walking Boss !*

*KEEP BACK  
5 Containers  
Or  
Half the Bay  
which ever is greater.*



## AVOID LASHER INJURIES

- ♦ Rule 1049 & 1513 : Stay out of aisles along a bay being worked! When upper most tier is being worked, stay back at least 5 container widths or half the tier, which ever is GREATER, when the crane is working that bay, because:
  - ♦ Containers can swing, catch you in the bight, and crush you.
  - ♦ Cones can bounce if they fall out and can hit you.
- ♦ Keep control of the rod while lifting or lowering it. Slide it along the container. Use your legs to lift it.
- ♦ Be aware of your work surface: Don't step into gaps or open hatches.
- ♦ Report need for maintenance of cones and turnbuckles to supervision.

**Working to get the job done fast and to go home early can result in lashing injuries.**

**Work Smart Work Safe**