MSF: Someone's finger trapped in the door

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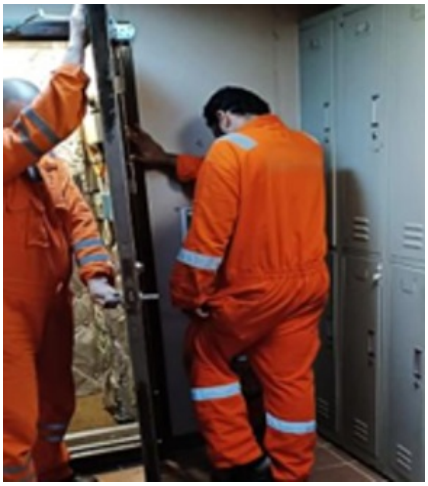
The Marine Safety Forum (MSF) has published Safety Alert 26-15 relating to a finger caught in a door.

IOGP Life Saving Rules:

Line of fire

What happened?

After finishing work, a crew member was in the changing room, located next to the Engine Room access door - a heavy fire door. The crew member was standing in the gap between the lockers and the door which opened into the room. The crew member, without looking, happened to place their right hand with the middle finger overlapping the door frame and the door (see image, a re-enactment). At almost the same time, another crew member opened the door from the engine room door and let it go. The door closed fast, catching the first crew members' middle finger, causing a severe injury.



Useful questions

- Are fire door self-closing devices adjusted to the correct closing speed?
- Am I aware of where I am putting my hands and fingers – particularly when near or passing through doors?
- Am I always handling doors using the handle or knob, not the door frame or edge?

Take a moment to look around you and think before you place your hands anywhere.

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