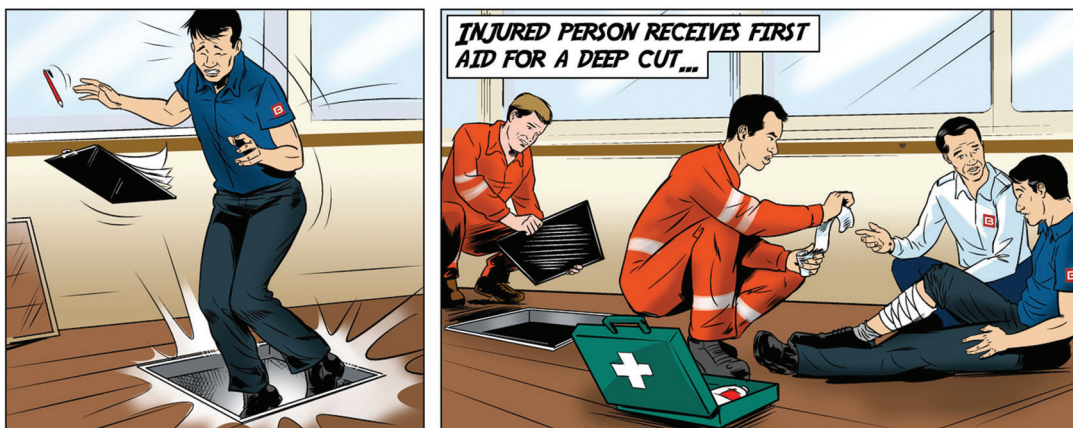
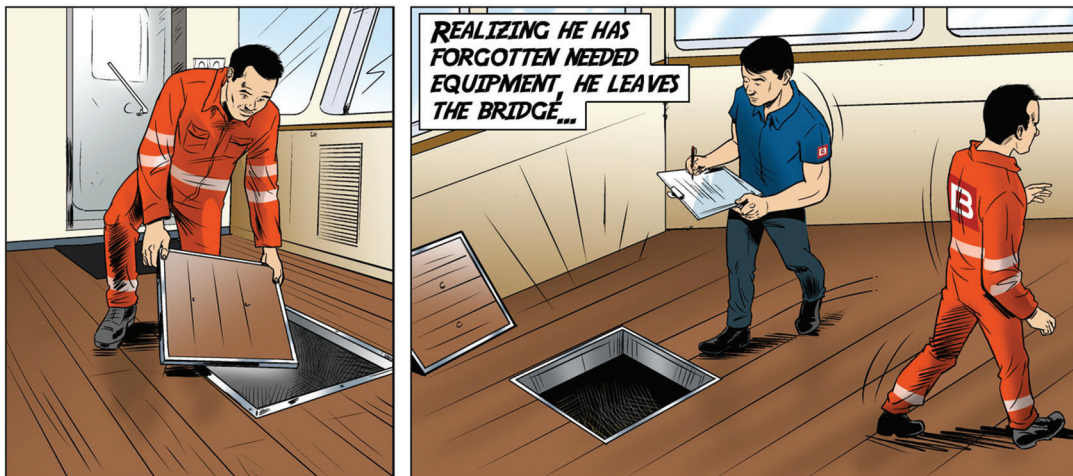


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This Safety Post allows us to reflect on a situation that caused a same level fall resulting in injury needing several stitches. When leaving the hatch open, perhaps the worker did not realise the risk to his colleagues? Maybe he did not consider the open hatch to be a significant fall hazard? Remember that a fall hazard is anything that could cause loss of balance or body support and result in falling. We should also reflect that statistics indicate about 60% of all falls happen on the same level, as in this case. Please discuss how you will control or eliminate fall hazards by taking mitigating measures before hazards can cause injuries.

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DO:

- Communicate to colleagues when any hatch or cover is removed.
- Set up a barrier guard around any hatch or cover that is removed.
- Pay attention to your surroundings and what is happening.
- Look before you walk – always make sure your path is clear.

DON'T:

- Leave an open hatch or cover unprotected.
- Carry anything that will block your view unless you have help.
- Ignore potential hazards.