

• What Happened?

Date: 09.01.12

Location: Ensco 100 at Huntington

Description: Whilst helicopter was lifting off an unsecured fibre glass lid was blown off the top of accommodation block. The lid fell approximately 50 feet to the main deck below. Tool pusher was on main deck approx 15 feet away. No other personnel were near.


The object was 64 cm x 55 cm square in size and 4 cm high.
It weighed = 2.4 kgs

Direct Causes


1. Lid was not securely fastened to Fire & Gas batteries box

Underlying Causes

1. On inspection the lid did have clips to lock it in place but one was not working correctly and the other one was missing the clasp.



Latch on fire & battery gas detection box is damaged



2nd Latch on fire & battery gas detection box does not secure properly, damage by latch fitting on box lid

Immediate Actions:

1. Conduct hazard hunt to identify any other potential dropped objects

Mitigation Measures:

1. Increase vigilance/inspection criteria on storage boxes/containers

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