



# Alert



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## LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE

The shipbuilding and ship repair National Interest Group (NIG) members are committed to sharing and learning to drive down accident rates and ill health in the industry.

### Title

Insecure Mounting of Cable Reel causes injury to employee.

### Description

Employees tasked to unwrap plastic packaging material from a cable reel mounted it using a steel pole and two old tripods.

The tripods had “V” grooves on the top, were unstable and not secured. Shortly after commencing the task, the reel moved resulting in one of the tripods falling over and the reel striking an employee.



Employee sustained a bruised foot and returned to work although clearly the incident had the potential for an LTI.

Investigation revealed this was a historic work method that had not been reviewed or assessed correctly.

### Early positive, successful outcomes and key Learning

- Injury was minor compared with potential consequences.
- Risk Assessment now carried out with team involved.
- New work method in place and suitable cable reel supports in place.