

# Safety Alert

## Open Holes

Recently offshore, Dynamic Industries, Inc. had a situation where an employee was tasked with taping up the exposed bolt threads of clamps on a barricade made with scaffolding material. The barricade was being constructed to protect a deck opening where a walkway had been removed to make room for construction work. The barricade was not yet complete. The employee went around the barricade and when observed, was squatting on his heels, taping clamps **without any fall protection gear**. His back was approximately 1 foot from the deck opening where he could have fallen through and would have fell into the water. The pictures shown below are our clients' re-enactment of the employee's position at the time of the observation and use of Stop Work Authority by our Clients' Safety Representative.

### Re-enactment of Open Hole Policy and Procedure Violation



Handrails were not installed at the time of work.



These boards were not yet installed at the time of work. This only left 12" to leading edge.

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Below, is a reiteration of our Open Hole Policy and well as preventive actions to ensure hazards are identified and removed or mitigated.

Dynamic Industries Inc. Open Hole Policy:

- Floor holes and openings (12" X 12") shall be covered as not to create tripping hazards. Hole covers must be capable of supporting at least twice the maximum load that may be imposed on them. Covers must be secured and marked "HOLE" or "COVER".
- Prior to making any deck penetrations, the adjacent area shall be barricaded with a hard barricade or 3/8" wire rope and orange mesh fencing (top-rail, mid-rail and toe-board). This barricade shall be able to withstand 200 pounds. Upon completion of deck penetration, the open hole shall be permanently barricaded. Fall protection shall be required prior to anyone entering the barricaded area.
- Any person entering the barricaded area, shall utilize appropriate fall protection and 100% tie-off.
- Anytime an open hole is not barricaded, someone shall be present at all times until the hole is either covered or barricaded.

**It is highly recommended that no worker shall enter a barricaded open-hole area alone, even with the proper fall protection equipment worn and being anchored properly. We should always have at least two people present so that if an incident occurs, there is a witness at the location who can activate the rescue plan and ensure that a response is immediate.**

Prior to performing any task, we need to ensure that we perform our JSEA pre-task inspection and checklist, too ensure all hazards have been identified in our work area. Hazards that are identified need to be mitigated to ensure employee safety. Being aware of a hazard is not adequate, the hazard needs to be removed and mitigated.

This situation could have caused serious injury. At anytime during our procedures a condition becomes unsafe, if an employee has a concern or if we have any questions, it's your Responsibility and Obligation to Stop Work without repercussions. Our employees are the most important asset of Dynamic Industries, Inc. and we strive to provide an **INCIDENT AND INJURY FREE** workplace in which to earn a living for yourselves and your family. To accomplish this we have to enhance our culture and mindset to believe all incidents are preventable.

