

IMCA Safety Flashes summarise key safety matters and incidents, allowing lessons to be more easily learnt for the benefit of all. The effectiveness of the IMCA Safety Flash system depends on Members sharing information and so avoiding repeat incidents. Please consider adding safetyreports@imca-int.com to your internal distribution list for safety alerts or manually submitting information on incidents you consider may be relevant. All information is anonymised or sanitised, as appropriate.

Safety Flashes – a look back at recent trends

This is a summary of the seventeen IMCA Safety Flashes published so far during 2021. All the published safety events or incidents are available on the IMCA website as individual web pages at <https://www.imca-int.com/safety-events>. Safety Flashes, comprising a number of events or incidents collected as a PDF, are circulated to members by email.

How many?

17 published so far in 2021 comprising 82 events or incidents (including summary of 2020)

Who contributes?

55 of those events or incidents came from 22 IMCA members

Public domain events

MSF, NTSB, MAIB, UK HSE and others

Equipment failure

Equipment failure (including corrosion) was a factor in 13 events or incidents

Injured people

13 injuries in events or incidents published in the last six months

Six hand or finger injuries

in events or incidents published in the last six months

Dropped objects

An issue in nine events or incidents

Stop the job!

In six incidents or events, someone was successfully able to "stop the job", or, failure to "stop the job" was a causal factor

IOGP LSR

Bypassing safety controls 29%
Line of Fire 27%
Lifting 10%

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