



Safety Warning!

ATTENTION ALL MUA MEMBERS

Subject: Hatchman and Cargo Space Lookout

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It has been brought to the attention of the MUA that there are consistent attacks being made upon our legal right to have a hatchman on vessels where loading or unloading of cargo by means of a crane or derrick is taking place.

Marine Orders are clear on these points and the relevant sections of Marine Orders 32 are reproduced here for the information of members.

WORK SAFELY AT ALL TIMES

Commonly asked questions:

What if the company doesn't pick up a hatchman?

In this situation go to work and through the process of a Job Safety Analysis determine whether or not the Marine Orders are being complied with.

If you have a restricted view of the load at any time you will need a hatchman. If a hatchman is denied you have the right to stop work as the job is unsafe and presents an imminent risk to the health and safety of workers.

Don't be forced to work without a hatchman if you need one.
STOP THE JOB!

What if the company sacks us or puts us off pay?

Contact a Branch Official immediately and you will be supported. You can't be sacked for obeying the law and Marine Orders are the LAW. It is our right to a safe workplace. No more fatalities.

What if I am victimised by the company as a result?

Again contact a Branch Official and the MUA will support you 100%. We cannot stand for the undermining of safety through harassment and intimidation by the company.

No More Fatalities

Appendix 18 Clause No.1

Provision of hatchman

Loading or unloading by means of a crane or derrick **must not be carried out unless:**

- (a) the driver has an **unrestricted view of the load at all times** during loading or unloading; or
- (b) a hatchman is employed for each crane or set of derricks who is clearly visible to the driver(s).

Appendix 6 Clause No. 4

Cargo space lookout

Where persons are in a cargo space in connection with loading or unloading, whether or not a crane or derrick is being used, **there must be a lookout** who:

- (a) has a good view of the space;
- (b) is able to see potential dangers to the persons in the space; and
- (c) is able to communicate with the persons in the space,

and who must warn persons in the space of any perceived danger.

Note: The cargo space lookout may be a person with other duties, such as a hatchman or the crane driver, provided that the person is capable of performing all assigned duties effectively.