

# HAMPTON ROADS SHIPPING ASSOCIATION SAFETY DEPARTMENT



## LASHER SAFETY STEPS



Lasher injuries involve slip/falls at the same level, usually on or over lashings or the catwalk. The following are some safety precautions that should be taken to reduce these types of incidents:

- Watch for falling objects, slip, trip, and fall hazards. Good housekeeping helps prevent accidents.
- Use continuous and even motion when applying force to tools and gear. Lashers should always wear the following personal protective equipment when lashing:
  - Hard Hat
  - Steel Toe Safety Shoes
  - Gloves
  - Full clothing
- When working on walk ways, always keep solid footing, face work head on, use both hands, work as a team with your partner, keep lashing rods and locking poles under control at all times, know where others are working, and keep visual contact
- Get help and use extra caution when handling two-piece lashing rods. When using portable ladders on vessels, use both hands for climbing, make sure ladders extend three feet above landing, have rubber on bottom feet, keep ladder secured or have someone hold it.
- Never work adjacent to open hatches and use extra caution on outboard pedestals.
- When working on vessel, be aware of workers above and below you.
- Do not throw tools or equipment below, aloft or over side of vessel.
- Always know where the crane is working and stay at least (3) containers away.
- Always put tools and equipment away when job is concluded.
- Report unsafe conditions and work related problems to your supervisor.