



- The lifting team does not communicate prior to making the lift

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## THIS MIGHT HAPPEN



### Incident Description:

Four personnel were being transferred on a personnel basket from a Lift Boat to a supply vessel. As the personnel basket was lowered to the deck of the supply vessel, the personnel basket struck the top of a trash bin (as noted in picture below). This caused the basket to tilt resulting in 2 personnel losing their footing, releasing their hand hold and dropping 2-3 feet to the deck of the supply vessel. One of the personnel was not injured and the other suffered a broken ankle from the fall. The crane operator and the rigger repositioned the basket and the remaining 2 personnel were lowered safely to the deck.



Personnel basket landed on this trash bin

### What went wrong:

- Limited area to position and land the personnel basket on the supply vessel. The personnel basket measures approximately 6 feet in diameter and the available space was approximately 8 feet wide. The seas were running approx 3-5 feet and the winds were 20 mph and the available space was not large enough to land the basket with the vessel dropping into a swell.

- A JSA was not completed for the transfer of personnel and equipment.
- Deckhand put both hands on the personnel basket to guide the basket and the crane operator did not have any signals and continued to lower the load.

**Lessons learned:**

- Communication between the vessel and crane operator must occur prior to the lift to identify potential hazards and to ensure there are enough personnel (deckhands/riggers) and space available to perform the lift and landing safely.

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**Tenets Involved:**

+ *Operated in a safe and controlled condition*