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Save-All use is Mandatory

Whenever working alongside a ship, the Canada Labour Code (CLC) and Maritime Occupational Health and Safety (MOHS) regulations are extremely clear.

Part II, CLC 124. Every employer shall ensure that the health and safety at work of every person employed by the employer is protected.

Part 10, MOHS regulations, Protection Against Drowning

147 (1) If, in a work place, there is a hazard of drowning, as a result of work activities, other than vessel abandonment drills, the employer must provide every person granted access to the work place with

(b) a safety net or a fall-protection system.

The only exception is when there is a guardrail protecting the worker from the hazard, for example pulp walkways.

Part 2, MOHS regulations, Safety Nets

17 The design, construction and installation of a safety net referred to in subsection 12(9), paragraphs 16(5)(b) and 147(1)(b) must meet the standards set out in *ANSI/ASSE Standard A10.11-1989 (R1998), Safety Requirements for Safety Nets*.

ANSI/ASSE A10.11 – 2010 (R2016)

Safety Requirements for Personnel Nets

3.6 Personnel Net - A net that is designed, tested and installed in accordance with this standard for personnel fall protection.

6.2 Personnel nets shall be designed and constructed to minimize fall arrest injuries sustained in the course of normal use when installed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and the requirements of this standard. Manufacturers shall pay particular attention to Sections 6.3 through 6.6.

6.3 Mesh openings should be small in order to spread the deceleration force through as many net strands as possible and to minimize entanglement of a fallen person's head, arms and legs when arresting the fall. The maximum size of mesh shall not exceed 36 square inches (.91m²) or be longer than 6 inches (.15m) on any side measured center-to-center of mesh ropes or webbing. No mesh member shall exceed 6 inches (.15m) in length, measured center-to-center of mesh crossings. All mesh crossings shall be anchored to eliminate frictional wear and prevent enlargement of the mesh openings.

7. IDENTIFICATION OF NETS

Each personnel net shall be permanently labeled with the following information:

1. Name of manufacturer
2. Identification of net material
3. Date of manufacture
4. Date of prototype test
5. Name of testing agency
6. Serial number

Save-All nets must be installed before loading or discharging begins. If you are unfamiliar on how to tie up a Save-All, tell your foreman and he will show you the stevedoring companies' Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Save-All Installation. The life you save may be your own!

Working without a Save-All in place is a violation of ILWU 500's safe working procedures. If found guilty, the first penalty is one day's pay at base rate.

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