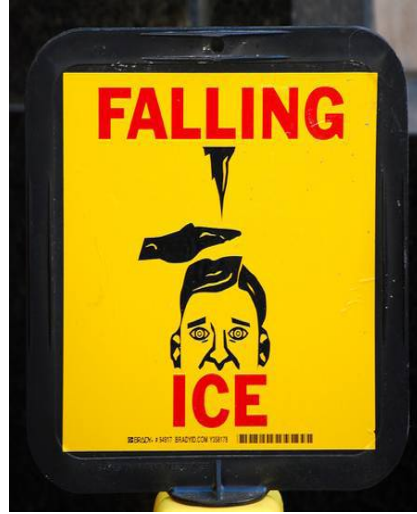
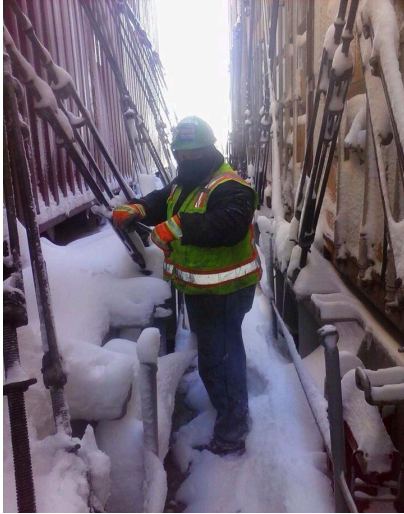




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ICE ON DECK! ~ ICE ALOFT!



With Winter upon us, at the more Northern ports it's realistic to foresee ice-occasioned slippery walking and working surfaces (aboard ship and ashore) as well as ice formations aloft that may have a propensity to thaw and fall (also aboard ship and ashore) upon unsuspecting workers and managers.

In relation to those hazards, common law holds that vessels have a (turnover) duty to inspect for and correct hazardous conditions before the vessel is handed over to the contract stevedore. It doesn't require a lot of imagination to conclude that iced-up walking and working surfaces encountered aboard ship can be a hazardous condition. Consequently, ocean carriers have a responsibility to ensure that those hazards are corrected before allowing longshore personnel to conduct work. In OSHA's eyes, marine terminal & stevedore employers share those responsibilities.

OSHA's regulations aboard vessels:

1918.91(b)

Slippery surfaces. The employer shall eliminate conditions causing slippery walking and working surfaces in immediate areas used by employees.

1918.91(g)

Ice aloft. Employees shall be protected from ice that may fall from aloft.

OSHA's regulation on shore:

1917.12

The employer shall eliminate, to the extent possible, conditions causing slippery working and walking surfaces in immediate work areas used by employees.

Got a Winter Weather-related question? Write to the JSC at: blueoceana@optonline.net

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