

# Safety Bulletin 3 /2023

## Use of mobile phones



Dear all,

G2 Ocean is committed to provide a safe and healthy work environment for all personnel involved in our operations. The purpose of our Safety Bulletins is to raise awareness of health & safety risks associated with cargo operations.

G2 Ocean works with several hundred stevedore companies worldwide. We believe that by seeking and sharing insights across company and country boundaries, we can prevent future incidents together. Descriptions of incidents will always be fully anonymised.

In this edition of our Safety Bulletin we raise awareness about the dangers of being distracted by phones during work. If you have any feedback, please email us at: [safety@g2ocean.com](mailto:safety@g2ocean.com)

Best regards G2 Ocean Team

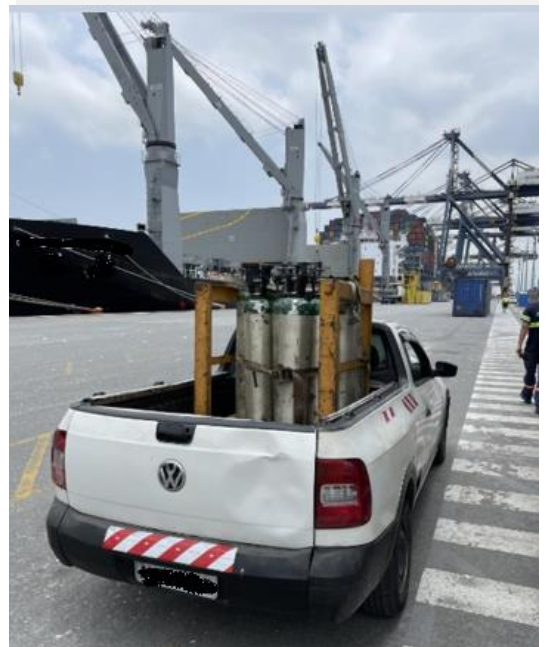


### Insight

#### Phones and safety

One of our Port Captains and a stevedore foreman we regularly work with in the U.S. have both suggested that we use this bulletin to raise the topic of phone use during cargo operations. They have decades of experience and are worried that phones can distract from work. While we do not know of any incidents directly caused by phone use, we know the risk is there and we will not wait for an accident to happen before we take action.

“Lack of awareness” is often cited as a root cause of incidents. There can be several explanations for having a low awareness level, but sometimes it is very simple: People are not aware of their surroundings because they are distracted by their phones.



On the quay there is a mix of pedestrians and moving objects in a limited space.

# Life-Saving Rules

In the January bulletin we presented our 10 Life-Saving Rules. If you allow yourself to be distracted by your phone you are in breach of rule no. 2:



## 2. Identify danger zones

Always be aware of your surroundings. Identify potential hazards, including moving objects.



### Integration

In G2 Ocean we have **Integration** as one of our desired safety behaviors. We know that mobile phones can cause accidents, but this is only the first step. We all need to integrate this knowledge into our actions and habits.



#### Consequences:

Use of mobile phone while driving has become a common cause of car accidents all over the world. It can obviously cause injuries also during cargo operations. Injuries from slips, trips and falls and being hit by an object can be the consequence, if you are not aware of what is going on around you.



#### Lesson learned:

The vessel and the quayside is a work environment which requires a high level of awareness of your surroundings.

Do not use your you phone when walking around the vessel or the quayside.

Do not use it during cargo operations.

Make it a habit to leave your phone in your pocket during work hours, or even better: Leave it in your locker. Use it only during breaks and when it is safe to do so.