

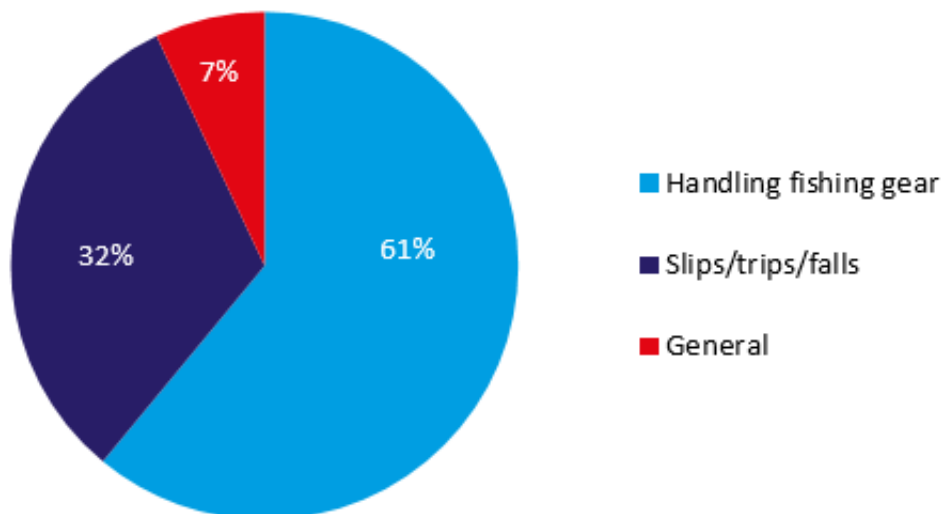
Risk assessments for fishing operations

In 2016, the Club experienced a high volume of crew injury claims on fishing vessels. The latest in our series of Risk assessment articles focuses on risk assessments for fishing operations to assist members in mitigating such claims.

Of the claims recorded by the Club, three main areas of causation for crew injury on fishing vessels emerged:

1. **Handling fishing gear** – These include crew injury claims that arose from a lack of supervision of the task, non-adherence with safety practices and the non-usage of personal protective gear.
2. **Slips/trips/falls** – These include incidents caused by slippery decks, trips on scattered equipment in work areas and falls (on board or overboard) during fishing operations.
3. **General injuries** – These include crew injury claims which occurred during mooring operations, bumping into equipment such as crane hooks and exposure to ammonia.

Fishing vessel injury claims 2016



Analysis of these claim files show that many of the personal injury incidents may have been avoided had an appropriate risk assessment been conducted to identify and neutralise the potential hazards.

In this sample [*Risk assessment form for fishing operations*](#), we highlight various potential hazards and offer possible control measures. We would like to emphasise that this is for guidance purposes only and it is imperative that operators conduct their own risk assessments based on their individual operating parameters.

In addition to this guidance, we would like to take this opportunity to remind Members of the Club's booklet on [*Fishing vessel Safety*](#), case studies such as [*Abandoned fishing vessel with subsequent loss of life*](#) and [*Carbon Monoxide poisoning on fishing vessels*](#) and poster on [*Refrigeration on fishing vessels*](#).

We trust Members find this guidance useful and if further assistance is required please contact the [*Loss Prevention Team*](#).

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