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Activity: Slip / Trip Hazard Unloading Groceries

## What Happened:

On a location when groceries were being unloaded, the deck crew assists with the groceries. Several of the deck crew were hauling boxes into the galley and the galley crew was opening and unpacking groceries. One of the deck personnel took some empty, flattened boxes from the galley and placed them on the deck next to a container that was almost empty.

One of the people helping unload walked across the cardboard, which slipped under his feet. He lost his footing but was able to retain his balance and did not fall.

## Why it Happened:

- Cardboard was placed on the deck in a traffic path
- Nobody was informed that it was there
- Personnel carrying boxes could not see the cardboard on deck.

## Typical Hazards:

- Sprain, strain, bruising or worse:
- Concussion, fractures

## Corrective Action:

During the next morning safety meeting, the near miss was reported and it was agreed that boxes that were flattened would be put directly into an empty container and not on the deck. They would be stacked against a bulkhead of the container and not laid flat on the floor of the container.

