

# COS SAFETY SHARE

## WHAT WILL WE DO TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING HERE?

### Inadequately Maintained Windsock Falls to Deck Creating a Dropped Object Hazard

#### What happened?

At approximately 1915, a noise was heard by deck pusher from his office. He investigated and discovered the windsock from antenna platform level laying on heli-deck outside heli-lounge. It was determined that the windsock fell from its installed location platform above the heli-fuel wind wall on the starboard side.

Although the windsock decent may have been affected by wind resistance, the bracket maintained significant energy in flight, striking the deck leaving obvious marks. The windsock weighed 5.05 kgs (11 lbs), fell 7.9 m (26 ft), and risk ranked as high potential for serious injury or greater.

#### What went wrong?

The windsock bracket had corrosion on the pipe that fitted in the lower floor mounted section of the frame. The bearing that allowed the windsock to rotate had heavy corrosion, wear and tear.

#### Why did it happen?

There was inadequate maintenance of the windsock mast; not regularly inspected and maintained through a documented process.

#### What areas were identified for improvement?

Review the incident in weekly safety meetings with all crew members.

Develop and distribute Safety Alert across the operating company.

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