

## THE EFFECTS OF HIGH WINDS – CONTAINER DOORS

A container door slammed shut in high winds. As the door shut, it struck one of our operatives on the back. The container or the door did not have a restraining device fitted.

## WHAT ACTIONS DO WE NEED TO TAKE IN THE SHORT TERM?



Picture 1



Picture 2

- Keep container doors shut when possible
- Be vigilant in and around the compound and stores areas, particularly in exposed areas of the site
- If containers are fitted with restraining devices, then make sure these are used. The pictures above show two such examples. Picture 1 is a site modification of a drop down bar, Picture 2 shows a restrainer fitted by the supplier.
- Assess the risk where there is the potential for an external door to slam shut or be pushed open in the wind.
- Where practicable to do so establish an exclusion zone in front of the container.
- Place temporary notices on doors advising the following:  
“Keep this door shut and secured when not in use”

We are working with our suppliers to resolve this problem, however, in the short term, temporary restraints should be used.