



# SAFETY MONDAY

February 13, 2012

## Lessons from Italy

Last month's accident in which a cruise ship struck some rocks near an island in the Mediterranean Sea, causing the ship to partially overturn and the death of at least 17 passengers (15 people are still missing), is a stark reminder that failing to follow safety-related procedures can have severe and fatal consequences.

The Costa Concordia had lots of safety devices on it, which may have made the captain feel overconfident and take a chance on having the ship pass so close to the island. Technology makes us safer, but does not insulate workers from all risks or hazards. This is true on cruise ships, heavy equipment, and garbage trucks. When you take shortcuts, bad things can often happen.

When an accident occurs, don't "abandon ship" and leave the cleanup to senior management. It is important to stay on-site, secure the scene, and if appropriate, help the injured until law enforcement and emergency medical personnel arrive.



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