

Working Near Water, and Rescue Procedure for Ship's Crew

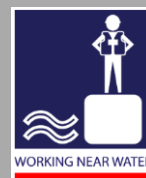
Applicable to all vessels operating within
Forth Ports facilities



At **Forth Ports**, we are committed to ensuring the safety of all ship's crew, when **working near water**.

Working in a port environment presents a **high risk of falling into the water**, particularly during mooring, unmooring, gangway operations and cargo activities.

All crew must remain alert to these risks at all times.



Key Safety Requirements

- Always wear **approved personal protective equipment (PPE)** when working near the water's edge, **including lifejackets**.
- Maintain **good housekeeping** on deck to prevent slips, trips and falls.
- Ensure **safe access and egress** is provided at all times, including properly rigged gangways and ladders.
- Be aware of **environmental conditions** in port, weather, poor visibility and vessel movement.

Man Over Board!

- DO NOT JUMP IN AFTER THE CASUALTY
- Locate the nearest lifebuoy and throw in the water.
- Dial 999 and ask for help.
- Inform FTNS VHF Ch71.
- Speak to the casualty, reassure help is on it's way. Direct them to the nearest ladder for self rescue.
- Assist the casualty, do not put yourself in danger.

In an emergency
Dial 999
and ask for Police

**DO NOT ENTER
THE WATER**



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Rescue Preparedness

- All vessels must ensure they are prepared to respond **immediately** if a person falls into the water.
- Rescue equipment (lifebuoys, lines, ladders, lights) must be **readily available**, in good condition and clearly marked.
- Crew members must be familiar with **man-overboard procedures** and their specific roles during an emergency.
- Engines and propellers must be managed to **avoid further risk** during a rescue.
- Prompt communication with **emergency services** and **Forth Ports FTNS** is essential in any man-overboard situation.



Crew Awareness & Training

Masters are responsible for ensuring that:

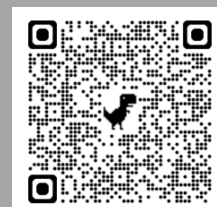
- Crew are **trained and competent** in working near water and rescue procedures.
- The contents of this bulletin are covered during a **crew toolbox talk** before mooring and other high-risk operations.
- Unsafe practices are challenged and reported.
- Open and honest conversations onboard are essential to preventing accidents and protecting everyone involved in port operations.



***Let's work together to ensure every operation is carried out safely —
so everyone goes home safe, every day.***

The Code of Safe Working Practises for Merchant Seafarers

The Code of Safe Working Practices for Merchant Seafarers (COSWP) provides guidance on how to comply with UK legislation to the crews of vessels operating in UK waters. I have provided a QR code that will direct you to the GOV.UK website.



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