

Safe Movement on Board seagoing Vessels – a Guide to Masters

The State Department of Occupational Health and Safety informs:

All persons concerned with work on board seagoing vessels should co-operate in carrying out all measures that will promote safety and health.

Following measures have to be taken before any shore based company, office or service is permitted to commence its work on board:

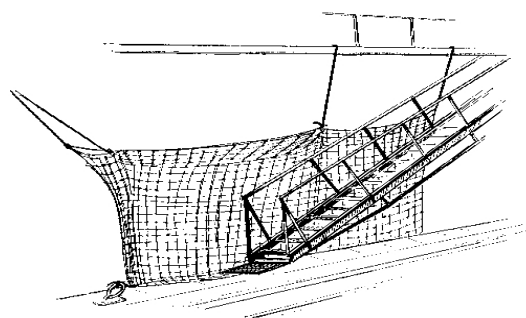
Access to the Ship

The means of access must be checked that it is safe to use after rigging. There should be further checks to ensure that adjustments are made when necessary due to tidal movements or change of trim and freeboard.

Guard ropes, if any, must be kept taut all times.

The angles of inclination of a gangway or accommodation ladder should be kept within the limits of which it was designed.

If there is any risk for stevedores of falling into the water, the gangway has to be secured by netting the gap between the ship and the quay side.



When the inboard end of a gangway or accommodation ladder rests on or is flush with the top of the bulwark, a bulwark ladder must be provided. Any gap between the bulwark ladder and the gangway or accommodation ladder must be fenced.

Walkways, Passageways and Stairs

Walkways, passageways and stairs should have slip-resistant surfaces and must be kept free from materials and substances liable to cause a person to slip or fall.

Any opening, open hatchway or dangerous edge into, through or over which a person may fall must be fitted with secure guards or fencing of adequate design and construction.

Lighting of Working and Transit Areas

A lighting level of at least 20 lux must be provided for working areas, 8 lux for transit areas.

Access to the Holds

If a separated man-hatch giving access to a ladder its hatch cover, if any, must be provided with adequate securing arrangements, particularly where the handhold is fitted to the inside of the cover.

Signallers Position

Every signaller must be in a position that is safe.

If special platforms installed on board they must be ready for use.

Further informations

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