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SAFETY FLASH: MAN OVERBOARD

GOOD PRACTICE

- ✔ Wearing safety shoes;
- ✔ Mark gangways with anti-slip;
- ✔ Secure yourself during work in the gangway (in case no railing is present);
- ✔ Establish a safe step over;
- ✔ Making sure the workplace is clean and tidy;
- ✔ Think before starting a new activity: what are the dangers and am I well protected?
- ✔ Wear a lifejacket (**AS LAST LINE OF DEFENSE**).



Regrettably, drowning occurs frequently in the inland shipping industry. Often falling, tripping or slipping happens prior to 'man overboard'. Taking measures to prevent this is therefore important. It saves lives!



BAD PRACTICE

- ✘ Wearing unsuitable footwear;
- ✘ Walking on a slippery deck;
- ✘ Not being secured or not having a railing available during work in the gangway;
- ✘ Unsafe step-over;
- ✘ Messy workplace;
- ✘ Complacency, hurry, 'this will not happen to me'-attitude;
- ✘ Not wearing a lifejacket.

ACTION QUESTIONS:

- Which personal protective equipment do we have on board? Are they sufficient?
- Are our gangways provided with anti-slip to prevent slipping?
- How do we help each other to not fall over board? (for example: by pointing out unsafe behavior)

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