



## SAFETY FLASH: FIRE IN ENGINE ROOM

### GOOD PRACTICE

- ✔ Good maintenance according to supplier requirements.
- ✔ Electricity cupboards free from materials.
- ✔ Heat sources like heaters are free from other materials.
- ✔ The heating coil of heaters stay free from grease and oil.
- ✔ Clear separation of lubricants and fuel filling points.
- ✔ Storing used rags or cloths in closed steel bins/buckets.
- ✔ Tidy and clean engine room.
- ✔ Keeping the emergency exit clear.
- ✔ Also see [Best Practice Fire Prevention & Fighting](#).



An engine room fire occurs more than once a month in the barge industry, and can cause for severe consequences for the safety of barge and crew. Therefore make sure that the engine room is maintained and well kept.



### BAD PRACTICE

- ✘ Clutter, dirt and materials lying around.
- ✘ Leaving buckets or bins with cloths open.
- ✘ Disappeared insulation from exhaust (for example after repairs).
- ✘ Leakages (in fuel line).
- ✘ Fire extinguishers not ready for use.

### ACTION QUESTIONS:

- How are the lubricants and fuel filling points recognizable and how are they separated on board?
- How can we improve the tidiness of the engine room?
- Why do Electricity cupboard need to be closed and free of materials?