

Hypothermia can occur within the hour. A timely response can rescue lives!

GOOD PRACTICE

- ✓ Have an emergency plan ready and discussed so everyone knows what to do in case of a POB (Person Overboard) situation.
- ✓ Practicing a dry-run of a POB situation.
- ✓ Have emergency contact information at hand at all times.
- ✓ Know how to recognize hypothermia and how to act. (Also see SF 21-63 Hypothermia.)



BAD PRACTICE

- x Thinking it will not happen to you or one of your crew.
- x Not preparing yourself for a POB-situation.
- x Dismantling rescue equipment (because of maintenance/operation) and not putting back into operation.
- x Not (correctly) wearing a life-jacket.
- x No knowledge of how to act in case of hypothermia.



Heat Escape Lessening Position



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In case of emergency:

VHF local post / lock

Call 112

ACTION QUESTIONS

- Do you know what to do when you fall into the water?
- Do you know what to do when a colleague falls into the water? What materials do you have on board that could be used?
- Do you know the emergency contact information of each country/region?

