SAFETY FLASH 21-64: WAITING BERTHS



Doing a Last Minute Risk Assessment (LMRA) can help identify the hazards that you are about to encounter.

GOOD PRACTICE

- v Before stepping over, perform a Last Minute Risk Assessment of the jetty, looking at: state of walkways, whether walkways can be slippery, availability of handrails, lighting/visibility, etc.
- Determine whether tides, river currents, suction & wash from passing traffic or heavy winds will be of influence when moored. This can have an effect on the safety of the step-over.
- When carrying bags on/from board, ask someone to help you.
 This way you can have 3-points of contact.
- v Taking action when the situation presents unacceptable hazards.
- v Making sure Emergency Services can safely reach your vessel accommodation when things go wrong.





- x Jumping or stepping over without doing an LMRA.
- x Identifying a hazard and ignoring it.
- x Not wearing appropriate PPE (safety shoes, life jacket, ...).
- x Not informing others when you are stepping over.
- x Putting a ladder from the railing to the landside/other barge, without tightening it or securing otherwise.
- x Not lighting your vessel for warning oncoming traffic, no heads-up to traffic center.



I. Assess the risk!

What could still go wrong / what hazards do you see?

2. Think it over!

What is the cause of this?

3. Take action!

What will you do to avoid the hazards?

ACTION QUESTIONS

- How is a safe access to the vessel warranted under all conditions?
- A waiting jetty next to locks, terminals, in a canal, on a river, in a protected port all present different risks. What are the differences?
- In addition to the points mentioned under good practice, what are other things you can look for when doing an LMRA?



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