

SAFETY FLASH 24-97

PERSON OVERBOARD DURING MOORING

Most individuals fall into the water during mooring. Unsafe actions and/or situations must be prevented.

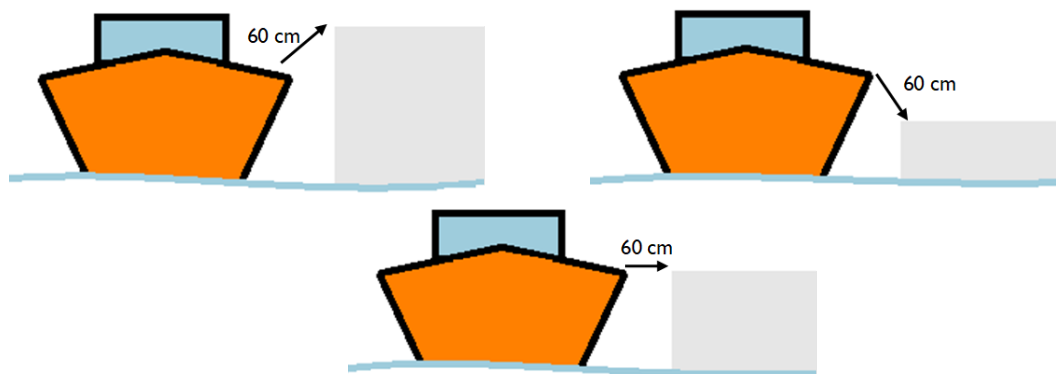
GOOD PRACTICE

- ✓ Assess the risks and discuss them with each other before the mooring begins. (LMRA)
- ✓ During the work, ensure good mutual communication and make sure you can see each other.
- ✓ Before the crew makes a step-over to shore make sure the barge is stationary against the shore.
- ✓ Make sure there is sufficient lighting in the work area.
- ✓ Ensure the smallest possible step-over distance (see figure: maximum 60 cm).
- ✓ Wear suitable footwear and an approved and regularly checked life jacket.
- ✓ Keep hands free while climbing a staircase or ladder.
- ✓ Where possible, use the boatmen or ask for assistance from the terminal staff.
- ✓ Stop the work if it is not safe (Stop Work Authority).



BAD PRACTICE

- ✗ Not discussing risks before work begins.
- ✗ Not being able to communicate or seeing each other.
- ✗ Leaving the barge while it is still moving.
- ✗ Insufficient lighting in the working area.
- ✗ Stepping over with too great a distance between the shore and the barge.
- ✗ Using unsuitable, unapproved and/or not regularly checked personal protective equipment.
- ✗ Holding materials while climbing steps/ladders.
- ✗ Not stopping the work while the situation is unsafe.



ACTION QUESTIONS

- How do we communicate with each other during the work? And do we always have a view of each other?
- Do we stop the work if it is unsafe? And how and with whom do we communicate?
- How do we help each other not to fall overboard? (For example: addressing unsafe behavior)

