

SECURITY DUTIES - CLIENT VESSEL

BASIC RISK ASSESSMENT GUIDE FOR ALL PERSONNEL

This guide covers the main hazards you will face during security duties on client vessels. **Read it. Know it. Follow it.**

If you are unsure about anything, **ask your Team Leader.**

#	HAZARD	WHAT CAN HAPPEN	WHAT YOU DO
1	Fatigue – watchkeeping	You are tired, make mistakes, miss threats. Falls and poor decisions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Tell your Team Leader if you are too tired for watch ✓ Follow the rest hours – they exist for a reason ✓ Report if the rotation is not working
2	Accidental discharge	A weapon goes off by accident. Someone is killed or seriously hurt.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Always treat every weapon as loaded ✓ Follow the weapons handling SOPs exactly ✓ Clear and check your weapon at every handover
3	Use of force	You use too much force. Legal action, criminal charges, someone gets hurt.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Know the Rules for the Use of Force before you deploy ✓ Only use the minimum force needed ✓ Report every use of force – no exceptions
4	Piracy / armed attack	Armed attackers try to board the vessel. Loss of life, hijacking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Follow the graduated response plan ✓ Know your citadel position and how to get there ✓ Keep up with daily intel briefings
5	Slips, trips, and falls	Wet decks, loose gear, poor lighting. Broken bones, head injury, fall overboard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Wear non-slip footwear on deck – always ✓ Report trip hazards and spills immediately ✓ Check the deck before your patrol
6	Man overboard	You fall off the deck during patrol. Drowning, hypothermia.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Wear your lifejacket during transits and rough weather ✓ Know the MOB alarm and what to do ✓ Patrol in pairs where possible
7	Heat stress	Hot weather, heavy PPE, dehydration. Dizziness, collapse, heat stroke.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Drink water regularly – do not wait until you are thirsty ✓ Report if you feel dizzy, sick, or confused ✓ Know the signs in yourself and your teammates
8	Night operations	You cannot see properly. Missteps, missed threats, delayed response.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Carry a torch on all night patrols ✓ Know the restricted movement rules for darkened ship ✓ Enhanced lookout during night transits

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9	Communications failure	Radio dies or no signal. You cannot call for help or coordinate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Radio check at every watch changeover ✓ Know where the backup comms are ✓ Report any equipment faults immediately
10	Medical emergency	Illness or injury with no hospital nearby. Delayed treatment, serious outcome.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Know who the first aider is on your team ✓ Know where the medical kit is ✓ Medical emergency plan includes medevac – know the process
11	Fire onboard	Electrical fault, smoking, equipment. Burns, smoke, trapped below decks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Know the fire escape routes from day one ✓ Smoke only in designated areas ✓ Know your fire extinguisher locations
12	Asbestos	Old ship may have asbestos. Breathing it in causes serious lung disease.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Do not disturb any suspect material ✓ Report anything that looks like asbestos immediately ✓ Ask the vessel Master about known locations
13	Noise exposure	Engine rooms, generators. Hearing damage over time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Wear hearing protection in high-noise areas ✓ Control your radio earpiece volume ✓ Report if noise levels seem excessive
14	Hostile boarding	Close-quarter fight with armed attackers. Fatal injury, hostage situation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Know your defensive position and get to it fast ✓ Drill regularly – take it seriously ✓ Communication with naval forces must be maintained

🛑 STOP WORK – YOU HAVE THE RIGHT

If you believe a situation is not safe, you must stop and speak up.
No one will be punished for raising a safety concern.

Full risk assessment: SM/HSE/RA/003 – Security Duties Client Vessel v1.0

Related SOPs: SM/HSE/PRO/001 – Hazard ID & Risk Assessment | Weapons Handling SOP

Questions? Contact the Group Compliance Director or QHSE Manager

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