
S8 Ships (NCI 35)

Purpose

This document provides for:

- safe and effective operations on ships.

Requirements for Ships

Executive Officers' responsibilities

Chief Fire Officers will issue a procedure for the management of incidents involving ships, if it is relevant for their Fire District.

Fire Region Managers will ensure that every Fire District in the Fire Region has a procedure in accordance with this instruction, if it is applicable.

Local procedures

Local procedures will take into account:

- liaison with the person in charge of the vessel
- liaison with the shipping agent, port company, or commanding officer (if naval base)
- locating the ship's fire plan
- initial damage survey of the ship
- assessment of the ship's main and auxiliary engines, firefighting systems and fire pumps
- ensuring that the stability of the ship is monitored
- assembling adequate resources:
 - relief crews
 - breathing apparatus
 - foam
- environmental considerations
- the safe transportation of resources to and from the ship
- setting up a command and control system
- vessels in dry dock.

The procedure shall include the possibility that the ship may be offshore and will then include:

- transportation methods
- the availability of specialised equipment
- pre-planned roles and responsibilities
- liaison with other services.

Hazard Identification and Control: Ship Fires

Hazard control

All hazards will be controlled by eliminating, isolating where elimination is impracticable, or minimising, using one or more of the control methods given below.

Firefighting involving ship fires

Hazards	Control measures
<p><i>Significant hazards:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ship stability • drowning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • close liaison and consultation with ships officers • appointment of safety officer • issuing of life jackets where appropriate
<p>Also refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RD1 Operational safety</i> • <i>G6 Ventilation</i> • <i>S2 Confined spaces</i> 	

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