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This guidance document has been developed as a learning aid and may be used to facilitate discussion on board. This document can be used in conjunction with the mooring animation produced by the International Group of P&I Clubs.



- The design and layout of the mooring deck may influence crew to take up unsafe positions just to do their job more effectively.
- Have you ever found yourself standing in a dangerous area and thought: *"It'll be OK – it's only for a moment"* or *"It will be fine, nothing bad has ever happened before"*?
- Mooring is a risky operation and accidents on the mooring deck can result in serious injuries and even death. Safe mooring requires the skill, diligence, prudence, foresight, and judgement of all those involved.
- There is no room for complacency or taking short cuts when mooring.
- It is important that every member of the mooring party is aware of the risks and is familiar with industry best practice.
- Best practices in mooring operations are well established and can be found in various publications such as the Code of Safe Working Practices for Merchant Seafarers (COSWP)\*.
- On board management must not normalise bad practice. The leader of the mooring party must lead by example.
- A toolbox talk will help identify if all members of the mooring party are aware of the risks and understand the *"dos and don'ts"* involved in the mooring operation.
- It is the responsibility of the leader to encourage discussion and ensure that all members of the mooring party ask questions if in any doubt whatsoever.



\* Code of Safe Working Practices for Merchant Seafarers (2015), incorporating Amendment 7 2022: Chapter 26 Anchoring, Mooring and Towing Operations.