

MEMBER ALERT



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LOSS PREVENTION: *WORKING ALOFT* POSTER

Slips, trips and falls are among the leading causes of shipboard injuries. Ensuring safe working practices while working aloft is imperative. The importance of working aloft permits, risk assessments and effective risk mitigation measures should all be considered before starting work.

In this context, your Managers are pleased to present the electronic poster:

- [Working Aloft](#)

WORKING ALOFT

WORKING ALOFT PERMIT:

- Normally required for work when there is a risk of falling 2 meters (6 feet) or greater. (See Company SMS)
- Must Specify permit duration
- Must be signed by an officer

RISK ASSESSMENT

- Expected weather and ship's motion
- Activities below the aloft work area
- Exhaust fumes, gases, steam, and wind direction
- Complexity of the task and how long task will take
- Crew's expertise in staging, baskets, bosun's chair, scaffolding
- Any other work taking place that could endanger the person aloft

RISK MITIGATION

- A toolbox meeting for all involved
- Fall arrestors such as:
 - o Full-body harness
 - o Shock-absorbing lanyards
 - o Self-retracting lanyards
 - o Safety lines
 - o Safety nets
- Inspect all equipment to be used
- Designate a standby person
- Plan way to talk with the person aloft
- Secure ship's whistle, radar, and electrical systems as needed
- Re-evaluate if conditions change
- Notify the bridge before the work aloft is started

This poster can be found on the Slips, Trips, Falls and Lifting page of the Best Practices & Guidance section of the Club's website at:

<https://www.american-club.com/page/slips-trips-falls>

Your Managers recommend that Members take note of this information and be guided accordingly.