



# Occupational Health & Safety Information Bulletin

Fishing is one of the most dangerous occupations in Newfoundland and Labrador. Working in this environment, with long and irregular shifts, can increase the range, likelihood or severity of work-related illnesses and accidents suffered by workers.

Regulatory requirements regarding marine vessel operations are as follows:

**Instruction to all crewmembers on:**

- location and use of safety equipment, engine room components and controls;
- deck equipment and rigging;
- navigation and communications equipment and electronic aids;
- fishing equipment and its use, including safe work practices;
- procedures for anchoring the vessel;
- location and use of emergency equipment; and
- escape routes in the event of fire.

**Slipping and Tripping Hazards**

- A work area on a vessel is to be kept clear of all slipping and tripping hazards.
- Decks must have NON-SKID surfaces except in locations where a smooth deck is required.
- Tools and equipment are to be securely stowed when not in use.

**Galley Requirements**

- A galley stove on a vessel must be secured and fitted with rails to prevent any movement of the stove and utensils.
- Stove fuel supply tanks and lines must be fitted with a shutoff valve at the tank; neither tanks nor lines should be located directly above the stove.



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