

SAFETY CODE 2

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A SAFETY STANDARD FOR THOSE WHO WORK IN OR VISIT A PORT

INTRODUCTION

This safety standard has been prepared for the benefit of those who are employed within a port, or who are visitors there, to advise them of the safety rules which they should observe and of the hazards which they may encounter.

There are some restrictions –

1. Entry to the Port Estate is restricted to persons engaged on proper business, or on authorised visits.
2. Unless you are a regular employee, or a tenant with premises on the estate, or a regular authorised visitor, report your presence on the port to the security office at the entrance, where one exists, or alternatively, at the Port Office.
3. If your visit is subject to your being accompanied by an employee of ABP, do not proceed until so accompanied.
4. Access to some areas and buildings within the Port Estate, e.g. container berths, stores, substations, dry docks and other operational areas, is specially controlled because of the need to observe particular safety rules when entering. Visitors must therefore report to a responsible person in charge of such areas and proceed on instructions only.
5. Where designated walkways and car parks are provided, **these must be used.**
6. Where rights of way exist, members of the public must keep strictly to them.
7. Children must not be taken on to the Port Estate unless written permission has been obtained from the Port Manager. It is unlikely that this will be given unless a formal event such as an organised school visit or port open day is being held. Any such event must be properly risk assessed and appropriate controls put in place to ensure public safety.

Children in vehicles traveling on the port with Employees, Tenants or other Port Workers coming to or leaving work must stay in the vehicle at all times and are to be under the care of the vehicle driver whilst on the port estate.

Persons including children travelling in Large Goods Vehicles (LGV's) must remain in the cab at all times.

8. Dogs are prohibited from the Port Estate as a precaution against the spread of rabies.

And some rules –

1. Observe all notices such as “No smoking”; “No cycling”; “Unsafe structures – keep off”, etc.
2. Appropriate protective clothing, including head protection and high visibility garments **must be worn where required.**
3. Obey any instruction given to you by an authorized person such as a security officer, ABP official, or signalman.
4. Observe the local docks bye-laws displayed at the port entrance.

Whilst in your vehicle –

1. Roadways are generally adjacent to or part of working areas. You must therefore observe the road speed limits, especially the reduced speed limits (e.g. 10 m.p.h. over bridges). Particular care should be exercised during the hours of darkness.
2. Keep to recognised routes, and away from the quay edge, and only use the proper access and egress points provided. There may be hidden dangers, such as valve pits, in some areas.
3. Look out for moving equipment such as fork trucks, mobile cranes, etc. Remember the whole port is a working area and mobile equipment may move in any direction – and the drivers may have restricted visibility.
4. Take exceptional care at level crossings. Be prepared to give precedence to rail traffic. Remember also that the signalman or driver may not always be able to see you. Take exceptional care also at swing-bridges.
5. Park only in permitted areas and particularly avoid leaving your vehicle near the quay edge, locks, or railway lines. Quays are generally unfenced; stay well back.

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Whilst on foot –

1. Look where you are walking. Follow designated walkways where indicated, and beware of vehicles and moving plant. Remember the whole port is a working area and mobile equipment may move in any direction.
2. Do not walk under or near suspended loads. Look up as well as ahead and be vigilant.
3. Do not enter operational areas unless authorized to do so. Appropriate PPE must be worn when entering such areas.

Particular danger points are:

- The edges of quays, locks and dry docks. Quays and locks can be unfenced, and they may be slippery.
- Overhead structures such as bridges and cranes where work may be in progress.
- Cranes, mobile equipment and vehicles, which may move suddenly.
- Railway lines, where shunting may take place.
- Loose ropes or chains on the ground. They may be attached to a machine and may suddenly move.
- Fish markets where the floors are frequently slippery, non-slip footwear is necessary.

Finally –

1. Do not bathe or swim on the Port Estate and fish only where and when permitted.
2. If you should be involved in an accident, report it to the Port Manager without delay.

HELP TO REDUCE ACCIDENTS

KEEP TO THIS SAFETY CODE