

## Conducting Emergency Drills

### Links to applicable regulations

[46 CFR 28.270](#) – Drills requirement

[46 CFR 28.275](#) – Instructor and course requirements

### Checklist for this item

	The master or person in charge of the vessel is required to ensure that all drills are conducted at least once each month.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This does not mean for example the first of January and the last day of February.</li></ul>
	The drills <b>must</b> be conducted under the supervision of a <b>qualified drill conductor</b> appropriately trained by a qualified drill instructor training organization.
	The drills should involve duties and response to:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Abandoning the vessel.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fighting a fire in different locations on board the vessel</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recovering an individual from the water</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minimizing the affects of unintentional flooding</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Launching survival craft and recovering lifeboats.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Donning immersion suits and other wearable PFDs</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Donning a fireman's outfit and a self-contained</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breathing apparatus, if vessel is so equipped</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Making a voice radio distress call and using visual distress signals</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Activating the general alarm</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reporting inoperative alarm and fire detection systems</li></ul>
	Drills must be conducted on board the vessel as if there were an actual emergency and must include participation by all persons on board.

### Voyage Termination Warning

Your vessels voyage can be terminated for failing to provide sufficient evidence that the crew has been conducting the required drills on a monthly basis.