



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Shipyard Safe Work Practices

Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur recently conducted annual local shipyard safety evaluations in accordance with Coast Guard policy detailed in Marine Safety Manual Volume I, COMDTINST M16000.6, Chapter 10 and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) shipyard safety regulations in Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations 1915, "The Coast Guard shall visit each work site as necessary, but at least annually, to assist personnel in evaluating hazards and shipyard competent person programs."

Common shipyard safety concerns included:

- Lack of adequate guardrails when employees are exposed to unguarded edges of decks, platforms, flats, and similar flat surfaces, more than 5 feet above a solid surface; and
- Lack of proper forced ventilation practices for confined space entry in accordance with marine chemist certificate requirements.

Safety is our top priority for shipyard employees and Coast Guard personnel alike. To ensure safe working environments, shipyards shall maintain compliance with OSHA regulations. For questions regarding OSHA compliance please contact the Houston South Area Office at (281) 286-0583. To contact the MSU Port Arthur Unit Safety Coordinator please contact LTJG Brandon Hatcher at (409) 718-3896.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. S. OGRYDZIAK'.

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Captain of the Port