

ARTICLE

Code of Practice for Controlling Risks due to Whole-body Vibration on ships

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DESCRIPTION

The objectives of the 'Code of Practice for Controlling Risks due to Whole-body Vibration in Ships' are to:

Explain the duties of employers regarding the assessment and control of health risks associated with exposure to whole-body vibration in the maritime environment.

Provide sufficient information to enable employers to assess the risks of injury to seafarers from whole-body vibration.

Set out measures to be taken to control that risk, either by appropriate design and use of equipment or by the use of methods to limit exposures to whole-body vibration

Set out the requirements to monitor the health of seafarers.

Discuss the employer's duties to inform seafarers of the risks and consequences of exposure to whole-body vibration, and to provide adequate training for the safe use of vessels and machinery.

The Code of Practice deals with the:

- assessment of risk from whole-body vibration onboard ships
- measurement and evaluation of whole-body vibration
- assessment of the severity of exposures to whole-body vibration
- identification of controls to eliminate or reduce exposures to whole-body vibration
- involvement of crew members in the control of whole-body vibration risks, including the provision of information and training
- provision of health monitoring and surveillance for whole-body vibration.

