

Marine Safety Alert



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Means of Safe Access



Means of safe access is something we take very seriously at Forth Ports.

There are multiple regulations in place, including the *Code Of Practice For – The Provision of Safe Means of Access & Forth Port's Welcome Pack* to ensure our river and port users comply with the requirements of embarking and disembarking vessels in a safe, controlled and professional manner.

From an "Inflatable Dinghy" to a "Very Large Crude Carrier" safe access is vital.

Not complying with safe access procedures possesses many hazards, including drowning, hypothermia, compression injury and falling on to hard unforgiving surfaces to name but a few.

A vessels hull, quay structures or the body of water you are operating in neither discriminates nor forgives a careless or complacent action.

This Safety Alert comes only days after an MAIB report detailing the tragic events published in MAIB Report No3/2016 involving a rope handler doing a routine job, in routine conditions that he had done many time before.

So, we urge you, no matter what kind of craft you are operating with or no matter how much of a rush you are in, **ALWAYS COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS.**

Thank you.