

SAFE HARBOR

A monthly newsletter for the Maritime worker from
The Law Offices of Lyle C. Cavin, Jr.

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Thank you for your maritime service and taking the time to review our Newsletter. We at the Law Offices of Lyle C. Cavin, Jr. hope you find the following information informative and helpful. If you have any questions regarding your rights or remedies please contact us at any time. We are here to serve you.



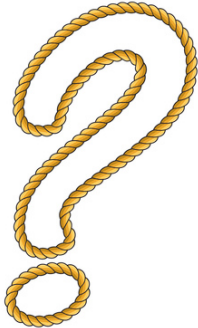
USE THE PROPER PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



The shipowner is responsible for providing the proper tools and the personal protective equipment (PPE) for all jobs on the vessel. However, there is often an inadequate supply of PPE or the wrong PPE is available. For instance, there may be gloves available but they are for painting, and would not adequately protect your hands while using a needle gun.

It is important to raise these issues at safety meetings or to report them to your supervisor. In order to protect yourself and your shipmates, always make sure you have the right PPE, before starting any job. If it is unavailable, do not do the job, or at the very least make a written record should an issue arise later. Unfortunately, shipping companies will attempt to blame you if you are injured while not wearing the right PPE. While there is law that protects you, it is far better to demand they provide you with the right PPE before you start any job.

QUESTION FROM THE BRIDGE



I just recently was told by the company to buy new work boots. Do I have to do this?

Josh R., New York, NY.

Josh,

No, but it is a good idea. Generally, the company is responsible for providing you with all of the personal protective equipment and clothing you might need. This usually consists of gloves and goggles, but not work boots. If your boots are not in good condition and you slip or fall, the company can partially blame you for the accident, even if there was oil all over the deck! Therefore, it is in your best interests to keep your boots in good condition. Depending on your union agreement, you may be entitled to re-imbursement for a new pair.

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