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Subject:	Entry of a confined space on board the cargo ship
Reference:	Surveyor's Safety

**Entry of a confined space on board the cargo ship**

The surveyor should follow the following instructions when entering in a confined space:

- The atmosphere within an enclosed space, such as a ship's cargo hold can change rapidly and become lethal dependent on the conditions inside and what is being stored or transported.
- NEVER enter a confined space if safer alternatives for carrying out the work are available. If entry into a confined space is unavoidable, robust procedures should be put in place which should include emergency arrangements. These are often referred to as "Safe System of Work" or "Permit-to-Work".
- Warning signs should not be ignored.
- If you are not part of the team designated to work in a confined space DO NOT ENTER. However compelling the desire to enter an enclosed or confined space to attempt to rescue an unconscious colleague is, it must be resisted.
- A ship should have a pre-arranged plan for the rescue of a person who has collapsed within an enclosed or confined space and regular drills should be conducted to test the plan and ensure the crew is familiar with it.
- BA is provided for fire-fighting and rescue; all crew should be trained, drilled and capable of using such critical safety equipment properly in an emergency.

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EEBDs provide a short term air supply to enable crew to escape to fresh air from a hazardous atmosphere. They should never be worn to enter, re-enter or work in a hazardous atmosphere.

REFERENCES:

- Surveyor's safety

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