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**Maritime-related safety incidents**

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Reference: ABS

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ABS, the American Club, and Lamar University are launching a new initiative aimed at reducing maritime-related safety incidents. The initial focus of the partnership's analysis and industry guidance will be on slips, trips and falls, a significant cause of maritime injuries.

It was developed pragmatic guidance for some of the most common hazards and behaviors affecting maritime personnel. Much remains to be done in reducing these incidents. Slips, trips, and falls have received a lot of attention over the years but remain a leading cause of incidents aboard ship. This initiative will identify, prepare and share actionable safety-related guidance to help organizations better prioritize resources and measure progress to improve seafarer safety and health.

The commonly reported causes of slips, trips, and falls are situational awareness (40 percent) and poor housekeeping (29 percent).

It was developed recommendations for interventions that can improve safety, as well as presenting guidance to marine owners and operators in understanding key causes, with the ultimate aim of implementing onboard strategies to mitigate these incidents."

The recommendations were aimed to improve the day-to-day safety of maritime crews and staff. By collecting and analyzing injury and incident data we can identify lessons learned and corrective actions to aid in preventing the occurrence and re-occurrence of maritime injuries.

REFERENCES:

- ABS, the American Club, and Lamar University
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