

Section 33: MARINE SAFETY

INTRODUCTION

Each department or division is required to develop specific procedures and requirements tailored to its work. This is particularly pertinent to the Marine Division of the Department of Transportation, due to the unique nature of its work and multiple regulatory jurisdictions. The Washington State Department of Labor and Industries has jurisdiction when employees are on land and the Coast Guard and the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration has jurisdiction when work is on navigable water.

APPLICABILITY

This section applies to the Department of Transportation Marine Division's Water Taxi operations only.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Marine Division management is responsible for:

- The overall development, implementation, and enforcement of the King County Water Taxi Safety and Health program.
- Developing and updating the Vessel Operations & Maintenance Manuals, which contain King County Water Taxi's specific safety and health program.
- Training each employee on the contents of the Vessel Operations & Maintenance Manuals.
- Training the division's employees tasked with operating and maintaining each vessel on the peculiarities of each vessel.

Employees are responsible for:

- Complying with management directives with respect to training and work around vessels and the maintenance shop.
- Notifying management of any and all unsafe conditions.
- Timely reporting all work-related injuries and illnesses.
- Maintaining all required certifications for their jobs

Safety and Claims Management is responsible for:

- Providing technical assistance to the division in implementing the pertinent provisions of the Operations and Maintenance Manuals (KC Water Taxi program).
- Assist the division in program evaluation as requested.
- Provide training to the division as requested.