

**BE BOAT**

**SAFE**





## **Smoke alarms save lives**

Boat fires can spread very quickly. Having a smoke alarm installed somewhere you will be able to hear it can afford you vital extra seconds to escape.

Test your alarms every month.

## **Carbon monoxide – the silent killer**

Carbon monoxide can build up when fuels don't burn properly; when appliances on your boat are poorly fitted and maintained; or when exhaust fumes enter the cabin. You can't see, smell or taste carbon monoxide, so having an alarm could save the lives of everyone on board.

## **Detect gas leaks**

If you can smell gas, turn the supply off and get it checked out straight away. Turn gas valves off before you go to bed or leave the boat. Store gas cylinders outside, in a self-draining and fire-resistant locker. Fit a bubble-type gas leak indicator in the LPG cylinder and regularly check for leaks in the gas system.

## Safe cooking

- Don't leave your cooking unattended
- Turn cooking appliances off after you use them – be careful cooking with oil
- Keep the kitchen clean as a build-up of grease is a fire hazard
- BBQs should not be used on boats
- Keep cabin ventilation clear to avoid carbon monoxide build-up
- Don't change gas canisters inside the cabin or covered areas
- Keep fabrics away from the cooking area

## Fuel and power

- Check and maintain your boat's fuel, gas and electrical systems on a regular basis
- Prevent petrol vapour from entering the boat by closing windows, doors and hatches when refuelling
- Refuel outboard engines and generators well away from the boat
- Clean up leaks, spills and vapour straight away
- Don't let oil or debris build-up in the bilges
- Check for loose fuel joints, damaged fuel tanks or deteriorating hoses

## Cigarettes and candles



Never smoke when refuelling, changing a gas cylinder or when you are drowsy. Make sure candles or cigarettes are kept away from anything that could catch fire and put them right out - candles have started fatal boat fires, never leave them unattended and use LED candles as a safer alternative.

## A safe escape

Keep escape routes clear, you need to get out quickly. Ensure emergency exits open from the inside and make an emergency and escape plan with everyone on board.



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If in doubt, don't fight a fire yourself.  
Get out, stay out, and call 999.



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