



Safety plan

The Authority's marine safety management system is based on the principles embodied in guidance published by the Health and Safety Executive (HSG65) and is designed to deliver the Authority's duties and responsibilities as required of the port marine safety code. In accordance with the updated guidance to the Code, the Authority has developed a Safety Plan as follows to demonstrate how the standard in the Code will be met.

Harwich Haven Authority is committed to discharging all of its statutory duties and to remain open, accountable and fit for purpose. Its plan to manage the safety of marine operations is to comply within all of the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code and to follow the guidance in the Guide to Good Practice on Port Marine Operations:

In doing so it will, despite commercial pressures:

- Take reasonable care so that all who may choose to navigate in the Haven may do so without danger to their lives or property
- Conserve and promote the safe use of the Haven
- Have regard to safety, efficiency, and economy of marine operations
- Take such action that is necessary or desirable for the maintenance, operation, improvement or conservancy of the Haven

Harwich Haven Authority will base its powers and policies on a formal assessment of hazards and risks and it will maintain a formal safety management system which will ensure that all risks are managed so that they are as low as reasonably practicable. It will employ and engage competent and qualified staff and contractors. It has appointed a Designated Person who will regularly conduct internal compliance audits in accordance with the Port Marine Safety Code and who will report directly to the Board.

Additionally, independent external experts will periodically conduct an external audit and the expert's report will be presented to the Board. The Designated Person and the external auditors shall assess in their reports the Authority's performance against its plan of complying with all of the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code and to follow the guidance in the Guide to Good Practice on Port Marine Operations.