

## Do I need Alcohol and Drug testing?



### 46 CFR 4.05-12

For each marine casualty required to be reported, and verified to be a Serious Marine Incident, the marine employer shall determine whether there is any evidence of alcohol or drug use by individuals directly involved in the casualty and report the results on a CG-2692B

## Serious Marine Incident

The term Serious Marine Incident includes the following events involving a vessel in commercial service:

Any marine casualty or accident as defined on the front of this brochure or 46 CFR 4.03-1, which is required to be reported by 46 CFR 4.05-1 and results in the following:

- 1) One or more deaths;
- 2) An injury to a crewmember, passenger, or other person which requires professional medical treatment beyond first aid, and, in the case of a person employed aboard a vessel in commercial service, which renders the individual unfit to perform routine vessel duties;
- 3) Damage to property over \$100,000;
- 4) Actual or constructive total loss of any inspected vessel;
- 5) Actual or constructive total loss of any self-propelled vessel, not subject to inspection, of 100 gross tons or more;
- 6) A discharge of oil of 10,000 gallons or more into the navigable waters of the US whether or not resulting from a marine casualty;
- 7) A discharge of a reportable quantity (RQ) of a hazardous substance into navigable waters of the US, or a release of a RQ of a hazardous substance into the environment, whether or not resulting from a marine casualty

## Report All Oil and Chemical Spills

The National Response Center is the sole federal point of contact for reporting oil and chemical spills.

**1-800-424-8802**

Suspicious Activity: Any incident, activity, or behavior that you deem to be activity of a suspicious nature should be reported to the National Response Center by calling **1-877-24-WATCH** or **1-800-424-8802**

### Coast Guard on the web

United States Coast Guard  
[www.uscg.mil](http://www.uscg.mil)

National Response Center  
[www.nrc.uscg.mil](http://www.nrc.uscg.mil)

### Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi

*All Reportable Marine Casualty forms can be obtained from the Sector Corpus Christi HOME-PORT website at [homeport.uscg.mil](http://homeport.uscg.mil) in the Investigations link under the Prevention section.*

For merchant mariner credentials  
contact the  
National Maritime Center  
[www.uscg.mil/nmc](http://www.uscg.mil/nmc)  
888-427-5662

## Report Marine Casualties

(24 hrs) **361-939-6393** (24 hrs)  
or  
**Channel 16 VHF/FM**

Commander  
USCG Sector Corpus Christi  
Prevention Department - Investigations Office  
Address:  
555 N. Caranchua St. Ste. 500 Corpus Christi,  
TX 78401  
Email: [CorpusChristiO@uscg.mil](mailto:CorpusChristiO@uscg.mil)



## United States Coast Guard

Department of Homeland Security

## Commercial Vessels: Reportable Marine Casualty and what to do?



- 1) Unintended grounding, or bridge allision
- 2) Intended grounding, or bridge allision causing a hazard to navigation, the environment, safety of a vessel, or creates #3 through # 8 below
- 3) Loss of main propulsion, primary steering, or any associated component or control system that reduces the maneuverability of the vessel
- 4) An occurrence materially and adversely affecting the vessel's seaworthiness or fitness for service or route
- 5) Loss of Life
- 6) Injuries requiring professional medical treatment (treatment beyond first aid), and, if a crewmember, renders them unfit to perform routine duties
- 7) Occurrence causing property damage in excess of \$25,000
- 8) An occurrence involving significant harm to the environment as defined in 46 CFR 4.03-65



### 46 CFR 4.05-1

Immediately after the addressing of resultant safety concerns, the owner, agent, master, operator, or person in charge of a vessel, shall notify the Coast Guard

## Step 1

Verify that you have been involved in a "Reportable" Marine Casualty as listed on the front of this brochure or 46 CFR 4.05-1. Determine if it is a Serious Marine Incident as listed in this brochure or 46 CFR 4.03-2

## Step 2 \*

Call the U.S. Coast Guard and report it

**361-939-6393**

(24 hrs) or (24 hrs)  
**Channel 16 VHF/FM**

## Step 3 \*

Submit a written report in Form CG-2692  
(Report of Marine Accident, Injury or Death)

As per 46 CFR 4.05-10, the owner, agent, master, operator, or person in charge of the vessel shall, within five days, file a written report of any marine casualty required to be reported under 46 CFR 4.05-1 on form CG-2692.

\* Failure to perform steps 2 & 3 could result in imposed fines not to exceed \$35,000

## Who is Required to conduct Alcohol and Drug Testing and When?

Coast Guard regulations currently require marine employers to take all practical steps after a Serious Marine Incident to have each individual engaged or employed on board a vessel in commercial service, who is directly involved in the incident, chemically tested for evidence of drug and alcohol use.



Effective June 20, 2006, final rule requires that most commercial vessels have alcohol testing devices on board, and authorizes the use of saliva as an acceptable specimen for alcohol testing.

Certain operations where the vessels could conceivably get the tests completed within two hours will not need to carry the alcohol testing devices; however, all other vessels should carry them to ensure they will not be subject to civil penalty of \$5,000 per violation, with each day of a continuing violation constituting separate violations.

## Time Limit Requirements

Drug testing is mandatory within 32 hours following a Serious Marine Incident.

Alcohol testing is mandatory within 2 hours following a Serious Marine Incident.

If alcohol testing cannot be conducted within 2 hours due to safety concerns directly related to the casualty, testing is to be conducted as soon as the safety concerns have been adequately addressed to permit such testing, but no later than 8 hours after the incident.

The responsibility to ensure that drug and alcohol testing is carried out rests with the marine employer.

## Why Does the Coast Guard Investigate Marine Casualties?

The investigation of marine casualties and the determinations made are for the purpose of taking appropriate measures to prevent recurrence for promoting safety of life and property at sea.

The investigation will determine as closely as possible:

- (1) the cause of the casualty;
- (2) whether an act of misconduct, incompetence, negligence, unskillfulness, or willful violation of law committed by any individual licensed, certified, or documented contributed to the casualty;
- (3) whether an act of misconduct, incompetence, negligence, unskillfulness, or willful violation of the law committed by any person contributed to the casualty;
- (4) whether there is evidence that an act subjecting the offender to a civil penalty under the laws of the United States has been committed, so that appropriate action may be undertaken to collect the penalty; or
- (5) whether there is need for new laws or regulations, or amendment or repeal of existing laws or regulations.

