

SAFETY BULLETIN No.1 of 2021

SEA OF DISTRACTIONS VIDEO

We are pleased to provide and encourage wider distribution of CHIRP Maritime's latest safety initiative "Sea of Distractions" video.

This safety initiative is centred on the inappropriate use of personal devices (mobile phones, MP4 players, tablets) whilst on duty in the work place that may cause distraction with potentially significant safety implications.

Essentially this is "texting whilst driving" and although the video is focused on the bridge of a vessel the messaging is equally applicable at all work locations.

We ask that Operators and Managers consider the widest possible distribution within their organisations possibly using briefing sessions to show the video and use as a catalyst for debate on this important subject.

Among issues that might be considered are an organisation's communications demand on the individual handling an incident on the vessel, when it may be more appropriate to allow the individual to deal with the issue after an initial report, and subsequently report off the vessel in their own time when management of the incident permits.

Additionally a general review of an organisation's requirements in respect of distractions in the work place caused by ever increasing demands of electronic communication, use of apps on devices, non essential phone calls and messaging and how they might be better managed, may all be considered.

We appreciate that achieving the correct balance in business communication, requirements and distractions is always going to be difficult and needs to be kept under review, and hope that this video aids in that process.

Please use the below link to access the video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JJcDNVIIXE>

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Thames Tideway Tunnel



Telephone calls, VHF radio traffic, CCTV and radar traffic images may be recorded in the VTS Centres at Gravesend and Woolwich