



## Gangways

### INTRODUCTION

Using a ladder on a ship can be tricky. Even when in a stable environment, use of a ladder can be risky. On a ship the rocking motion of the vessel, the weather conditions (moisture, salt, cold) increase wear and tear, and increase the need for awareness and attention to safety.

### When is a gangway unsafe?

- Inadequate rigging, lashing or securing
- Poor condition or design of ladder
- Improper manning, failure to provide security
- Inadequate safety net: condition, improper rigging

### How can safety be improved?

- Use caution if you choose to board an unmanned gangway:
  - falls from or injuries incurred on the ladder may not be detected
  - there is no way to ascertain the on-board safety of an unguarded ship
- Contact someone on the ship or from your respective company, if possible, before boarding if you choose to board.
- Make a quick visual inspection of the arrangement to ensure it is safely secured and in good condition.

Safety awareness while transiting from shore to ship and back again is as important as being safe while on board. If there is any reason to suspect the gangway, accommodations ladder or pilot ladder is unsafe to climb verify these concerns before doing so.

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