Housekeeping on Deck (maritime) Stats and Facts

FACTS

- 1. Housekeeping crew members play a crucial role in maintaining cleanliness, organization, and safety on decks.
- Housekeeping crew members need to be trained in the proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE), handling hazardous substances, and responding to emergency situations.
- 3. Housekeeping crew members on different types of vessels have different and safety considerations.
- 4. Effective communication and cooperation with other departments, such as engineering, deck officers, or catering, are crucial for efficient housekeeping operations.
- 5. Housekeeping crew members must have a keen eye for detail. They should be able to identify potential hazards, spot spills or debris, and address cleanliness issues promptly.
- Housekeeping crew members need to balance regular cleaning tasks with additional duties during busy periods, such as port calls or heavy operational activities.
- 7. Working on deck exposes housekeeping crew members to varying weather conditions, including heat, cold, wind, and humidity.
- 8. Housekeeping crew members should take pride in their work, maintain a positive attitude, and collaborate effectively with colleagues to achieve common goals.

STATS

• Falls on Decks were more common than slips and trips. This could be due to slip events not resulting in reportable injuries. This is commonly called a near miss or close call. Based on the ABS/Lamar data set, common locations for falls that caused injury are deck (43%), engine room (13%), and

stairs (7%).

- Common locations for slips that caused injury were deck (44%), stairs and ladders (13%) and engine room (11%).
- The International Journal of Industrial Ergonomics found that incidents in a shipyard were reduced 70-90% once steps were taken to improve housekeeping practices conducted at the facility.
- The U.S. Department of Labor reports that slips, trips, and falls (STFs) account for approximately 15 % of all accidental workplace deaths and are second only to motor vehicle accidents as a cause of worker fatalities. Good housekeeping practices can substantially reduce the underlying causes of STFs in shipyard employment.
- Approximately 20 % of non-fatal work injuries in shipyards each year result from slips, trips and falls.