

# Longshore Safety Tip

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## ***BASIC SECURITY AWARENESS ON THE WATERFRONT***

### ***SECURITY AWARENESS # 1***

*In today's world, all Employers and Longshore Workers must be aware and remain vigilant when it comes to the security of our workplace.*

*The PCMSC Committee will create a series of Safety Tip Flyers that will explore the 7 Security subjects listed below. This information will better prepare you to know how to properly respond to any security situation or incident.*

- 1. Know the meaning and requirements of the different "MARSEC" security levels.**
- 2. Be aware of dangerous substances and devices.**
- 3. Be aware of the characteristics and behavioral patterns of persons who are likely to threaten security.**
- 4. Be aware of techniques to circumvent security measures.**
- 5. Be aware of the regulations and requirements mandated by the government.**
- 6. Know the proper evacuation procedures from terminals as taught in "General Safety Training V".**
- 7. Know about the Evacuation procedures for longshore workers by State and Federal Agencies.**



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**SECURITY**



**AWARENESS**

**1. “Know the meaning and requirements of the Different Security Levels.”**

***Each terminal must take security precautions based on the Maritime Security (MARSEC) level set by the Coast Guard:***

**Level I** - The degree of security precautions to take when the threat of an unlawful act against a vessel or terminal is, **thought possible, not likely**. Level 1 – Can be considered the “New normalcy”. It consists of minimum-security measures like ID and baggage checks that have to be maintained **at all times**.

**Level II** – The degree of security precautions to take when the threat of an unlawful act against a vessel or terminal is possible and intelligence indicates that terrorists are likely to be active within a specific area, or against a type of vessel or terminal. Terminal Security such as patrols, checks and screenings will be increased. Level 2 – Represents a heightened threat of a transportation security incident. This condition may be set for as long as the threat lasts.

**Level III** – The degree of security precautions to take when the threat of an unlawful act against a vessel or terminal is probable or imminent and intelligence indicates that terrorists have chosen specific targets. **Level 3- indicates a transportation security incident is probable or imminent**. This may result in closing some gates or restricting access to the terminal altogether.

**OK, SO WHAT DOES ALL THIS REALLY MEAN TO LONGSHORE WORKERS ON THE JOB?**

Each Terminal has a Security Plan which outlines the additional security precautions to be taken when a “MARSEC” level is raised. At “MARSEC Levels II & III, the Facility Security officer must inform all facility personnel about identified threats and emphasize reporting procedures and the need for increased vigilance....**BE ALERT! BE VIGILANT!**

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