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| Overview | This standard covers the competence required of the person in charge of a navigational watch to minimise potential dangers to own and other vessels, personnel and the environment, resulting from malfunctioning of equipment or systems and emergencies on board, or a distress signal from another vessel.  **Target group**  This standard applies to individuals at the operational level who have responsibility for initiating a response to navigational emergencies on any size vessel working in any operational area. |

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| **Performance criteria**  You must be able to: | 1. make an initial assessment of the type and scale of the malfunction or emergency 2. decide on and take action to minimise the effects of the malfunction or emergency 3. maintain the safety of personnel and the vessel according to vessel contingency plans 4. promptly and accurately report the situation to the appropriate persons and authorities 5. correctly identify a distress or safety signal and take appropriate action according to organisational and international maritime requirements |

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| Knowledge and understanding  You need to know and understand: | 1. what constitutes an emergency 2. how to respond to navigation emergencies 3. how to respond to a distress signal at sea 4. the application of statutory regulations and guidelines, organisational instructions and guidance, and vessel contingency plans |

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