

15. HAZARDOUS AND RESTRICTED AREAS

15.1 HAZARDOUS AREAS

15.1.1 Any areas on a vessel that may present particular hazards should be adequately signposted as a Hazardous Area and have appropriate signage detailing any safety precautions or clothing that must be worn for entry to the area.

15.1.2 Some examples of areas that may be Hazardous Areas:

High noise areas

Machinery and electrical spaces

Cranes

Refrigeration spaces

Work deck areas on some vessels performing specific functions such as construction, pipe-laying, diving support, underwater operations or other work of a specialized nature.

15.2 RESTRICTED AREAS

15.2.1 Certain hazardous areas should also have restrictions placed on them as to who may enter. These shall be declared Restricted Areas and have signs on the entrances warning people that the area is a Restricted Area. The signs should also detail who is permitted to enter the Restricted Area.

15.2.2 The delineation of Hazardous Areas and Restricted Areas may need to be more comprehensive on specialized vessels, particularly those with a large and diverse crew. In these circumstances, hazardous areas need to be restricted to crew members who are familiar with the hazards by virtue of their training or position.

15.2.3 Some examples of areas that may need to be Restricted:

High voltage electricity areas

High noise areas

Sensitive control rooms on specialized vessels

Hazardous material storage areas

Machinery spaces

Wheelhouse and control rooms