

Course Syllabus

Course Title:

Security Awareness Training For All Seafarers (PSA)
Vessel Personnel Without Security Responsibilities (VPWOSR)

Course Duration: 5.75 Hours

Course Difficulty: Beginner

Course Category: Security

Course Objectives

1. Develop heightened situational awareness to actively contribute to maritime security.
2. Identify potential security threats and apply appropriate response measures.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of shipboard security procedures and protocols and their critical role in safeguarding vessels.

References:

- IMO Maritime Security Manual – Guidance for port facilities, and Ships
- STCW Convention Table A-VI/6-1
- (TC) [Transport Canada](#)
- IMO Model Course 3.27
- (MTSA) Marine Transportation
- (MTSR) Security Act & Regulations
- UNCLOS
- ICS
- SOLAS
- MCA (UK)
- BMP5
- ISPS Code

Course Subject	Time	Ref.
Chapter 1 – Maritime Security Policy • Awareness of relevant international conventions, codes and recommendations • Awareness of relevant government legislation and regulations • Definitions • Handling sensitive security-related information and communications	1.25 Hour	IMO MC 3.27(1.1, 2.3, 2.4) MTSA MTSR IMO SOLAS, STCW, ISPS Code IMO Maritime Security Manual
Chapter 2 – Security Responsibilities • Contracting governments • The company • The ship • The port facility • Ship Security Officer • Company Security Officer • Port Facility Security Officer • Seafarers with designated security duties • Port facility personnel with designated security duties • Other personnel	1.0 Hour	IMO MC 3.27(1.2) MTSA MTSR IMO SOLAS, STCW, ISPS Code IMO Maritime Security Manual



Chapter 3 – Threat Identification, Recognition & Response • Recognition and detection of weapons, dangerous substances and devices • Recognition, on a non-discriminatory basis, of persons posing potential security risks • Techniques used to circumvent security measures	2.0 Hour	IMO MC 3.27(2.1, 2.2) MTSA MTSR IMO SOLAS, STCW, ISPS Code IMO Maritime Security Manual
Chapter 4 – Ship/Vessel Security Actions • Actions required by different security levels • Reporting security incidents	0.5 Hour	IMO MC 3.27(1.3, 1.4) MTSA MTSR IMO SOLAS, STCW, ISPS Code IMO Maritime Security Manual
Chapter 5 – Emergency Preparedness, Drills & Exercises • Awareness of contingency plans • Security drills and exercises	1.0 Hour	IMO MC 3.27(1.5, 3.1) MTSA MTSR IMO SOLAS, STCW, ISPS Code IMO Maritime Security Manual
Course Final Assessment		1.0 Hour