



SAFE ACCESS TO SHIP REQUIREMENTS

Maritime Engineers Pty Ltd company policy on safe access to ship is strictly in accordance with Australian Code of Safe Working Practice for Australian Seafarers, Chapter 8.

Surveyors shall not attempt to gain access to ship unless the following procedures are in place:

- Access equipment should be of good construction, sound material, adequate strength, free from obvious defect, properly maintained and inspected at frequent intervals.
- Access arrangements should be supervised at all times, either by crew members or by shore personnel, particularly in ports which have large tidal ranges.
- Where access is provided between 2 adjacent ships lying alongside, the Master of the ship having the higher weather deck must ensure that such means of access is safe.
- Access should generally be by an accommodation ladder or gangway which is appropriate to the deck layout, size, shape and maximum freeboard of the ship.
- The Master of a ship at anchor or at a mooring may provide a pilot ladder as a means of access if he considers that the use of accommodation ladder is impracticable.
- Access equipment and approaches to such equipment should be properly illuminated.
- The mean of access and immediate approaches should be kept free from obstruction and, as far as practicable, kept clear of any substances likely to cause a slip or fall.
- All gaps between the dockside and the ship, should be protected by a safety net or kept to a minimum for safe access.
- The mean of access should be sited so that no suspended load passes over it.
- Assistance should be provided to allow surveyors to access vessels without carrying their work bags.
- Surveyors may refuse to access vessels where sea conditions and ship motions are dangerous and surveyor is in danger of injury.
- On no account should surveyors be asked to cross between vessels or between vessels and wharves where they are in danger of falling due to lack of adequate footholds or safety rails.

If the client cannot provide these services, the surveyor shall not, under any circumstances, proceed with the survey and the client shall be charged for additional costs involved.

CLIENT UNDERTAKING

I have read and understood these requirements and accept full responsibility for all items to be properly prepared PRIOR to arrival of the surveyor on board.

Signed:	Mobile Phone No.	Date:
Print Name:	Client:	