

Safety Information for Marine Fuel Oil

Marine fuel oil is a thick liquid for burning in marine engines or under marine boilers. It is a product of the residue of various refined crude oils and its properties vary accordingly.

Some, or all, of the risks below apply to each marine fuel oil.

Risks

Fuel oil can give off vapors which are flammable and poisonous.

The liquid can harm your skin.

The vapor will burn and, in certain concentrations, can explode.

Health Hazards

Fuel oil vapor may cause dizziness and headaches.

Fuel oil mist caused by heating, or atomization, may irritate the mouth and lungs.

Contact with skin may cause skin irritation.

Prolonged or repeated skin contact may cause serious health risk.

Some fuel oil vapors may contain Hydrogen Sulphide which is very poisonous.

Health Precautions

Always wear gloves. Use goggles if there is a risk of oil mist, or vapor, reaching your eyes.

Change out of oil soaked clothing as soon as possible.

Never enter a space which has contained fuel oil until the space has been thoroughly ventilated and proved safe for entry.

Fire Precautions for Storage and Transfer

Keep fuel oil away from naked flame, sparks or other sources of ignition.

Keep fuel oil away from heated surfaces.

Fuel oil vapors can catch fire, or explode, even at low temperatures.

Avoid all naked flames, sparks or other sources of ignition. Do not smoke on deck during transfer. Do not smoke near fuel oil tanks, or other locations where fuel oil vapors are given off.

The above information is intended as an informal guide. For more detailed and accurate information consult the suppliers "Material Data Sheet", or contact the supplier.

In case of ingestion, inhalation or eye contact, seek medical advice.