**Working/moving on deck after dark**

***Training/instructions***

* Consider delaying the job until daylight
* If possible, two crews should always work together in exposed places
* Maintain radio contact and report to the duty officer regularly
* Instruct newly joined crew
* Ensure communication aboard is good and clear
* Be aware of the duties being performed

***Accidents and injuries***

* Falling overboard, especially at night
* Injury to arms/legs from falling on deck
* Crush injury
* Being hit by wire/hawser backlash

***Illness***

* Reduced hearing
* Anxiety, nervousness about work because of the conditions (darkness, weather, what might happen?)
* Injury from lifting/wear and tear
* Hypothermia from falling overboard

***Prevention***

* Keep the deck clear and tidy
* Use anti-skid deck coating
* Shield wire blocks and winches. If possible, run wires in pipes
* Set up awnings/screen against the sea - rails
* Possibly radio headsets
* Good lighting
* Install safety gear for heavy weather, rails, chains, stretch ropes

***Personal protection***

* Reflective patches on work clothing
* Gloves
* Helmet
* Safety shoes
* Glasses
* Life jacket or immersion suit

***Aids***

* Use a trolley or crane for moving heavy things on deck

***More reading***