**Working on deck**

***Training/instructions***

* Instruct newly joined crew
* Ensure communication aboard is good and clear
* Be aware of the duties being performed
* There is a separate risk assessment for work after dark

***Accidents and injuries***

* Falling overboard, especially at night
* Injury to arms/legs from falling on deck
* Crush injury
* Wires/hawsers breaking/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/screens against the sea - rails
* Possibly radio headsets

***Personal protection***

* Reflective/luminous clothing
* Safety shoes
* Gloves
* Ear defenders
* Helmet
* Glasses
* Life jacket is there is the possibility of falling overboard

***Aids***

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

***More reading***