



# CRUISE SAFELY

An industry that is prepared and proactive when it comes to the safety and security of passengers and crew.



## PASSENGERS

- All passengers, crew, and baggage must pass through screening checkpoints before boarding
- Proof of identity is required to access a cruise ship terminal. Only crew, ticketed passengers, and those on a pre-approved list may enter
- In addition to careful crew and passenger screening processes, cruise ships keep an official manifest that lists everyone on board, including all officers, staff, crew and passengers
- Every embarking passenger must take part in a mandatory, comprehensive safety drill or “muster” before the ship sails. This involves learning how to locate and put on a life jacket and where escape routes and lifeboats are located.

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## MYTHBUSTING

- Cruising is one of the safest holiday options and the safety and security of passengers and crew are the number 1 priority
- Every cruise ship must be equipped with enough survival craft—including lifeboats and life rafts—to accommodate at least 125% of the number of persons on board. All survival craft must be tested and meet rigorous international guidelines
- Allegations of major crimes extremely rare and comparison of cruise industry with land based statistics show lower serious crime rates which is particularly noteworthy given high density of passengers and crew in relatively small space
- The industry undertakes rigorous risk analysis/checks of manifests and passengers, and there are regional protocols to ensure that all crimes reported are investigated, regardless of where ship is based or flagged.
- Responsible Service of Alcohol training equivalent to land based, and crew members are trained to handle unique issues that arise at sea and in crime prevention, detection and reporting



## CREW

- Highly trained ship security officers are on call & patrol the ship 24/7
- Crewmembers participate in weekly and monthly emergency drills to keep their skills fresh
- Even if crewmembers have worked on a cruise ship before, they must refresh their safety training periodically



## CRUISE SHIPS

- CLIA cruise lines have sophisticated security departments and in all cases, crime allegations are reported as quickly as possible to the proper law enforcement authorities
- Cruise ships are equipped with video surveillance throughout
- All ships have 24/7 onboard emergency numbers and highly trained ship security officers are on call and patrol the ship 24/7



## RESOURCES

- Security guides are available to all guests at any time
- SMS (Safety Management System) and SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea) rules mandate and regulates the operation of cruise ships
- Multiple layers of reporting and audits overseen by flag state, classification societies and local authorities (state and federal)

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