



# NMSA

NATIONAL MARITIME SAFETY ASSOCIATION



## WHO WE ARE

Established in 1972 through the Occupational Safety & Health Act of 1970, the National Maritime Safety Association (NMSA) is all about marine cargo handling safety. Prior to its formation in 1972, NMSA was originally organized in 1956 as the Management Advisory Cargo Handling Safety Committee (MAXIE). NMSA has been the forum for maritime industry leaders to gather and discuss safety on the docks with the goal of protecting the health and safety of everyone and is the association for anyone engaged in maritime safety to join industry peers at NMSA events that take place regularly throughout North America and U.S. territories.

## NMSA Technical Committee

The NMSA Technical Committee plays a pivotal role in NMSA, meeting in port cities on a rotating basis throughout North America to provide a forum for members and participants to be exposed to various operations, safety practices, and the people behind them. During Technical Committee meetings, ports are toured; safety management is discussed; accidents and injuries are deliberated for new prevention methods; experts are invited to present technical aspects of equipment.



## OUR OBJECTIVES

NMSA is a social network focused on safety. One of the main objectives of NMSA is to maintain a network of professionals capable of addressing the constantly evolving safety issues of the cargo handling industry. The members are all volunteers. This collective of evolving expertise serves as a resource to the industry to help keep workers safe. Just some of NMSA's current areas of focus are:

- The safety of alternate fuel sources for cargo handling equipment
- Anti-collision technologies to detect people working around machines
- OSHA's new requirements for e-filing of injury and illness data
- Improving pre-shift safety talks
- Elevated working surfaces when working on gondola rail cars
- Recognizing and addressing drug & alcohol matters
- Heat illness prevention best practices
- Training workers on Powered Industrial Trucks (PIT)
- Mooring line snapback injury prevention
- Lockout tagout program best practices
- Split rim wheel safety best practices

## NMSA Snapshot



18 members  
across North  
America



26 safety videos  
produced for  
training



75,400 jobs  
supported by  
Marine  
Transportation  
Industry

Scan for  
NMSA  
Safety Videos





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## East Coast

Boston Shipping Association  
Georgia Stevedore Association  
Hampton Roads Shipping Association  
Ports of the Delaware River Marine Trade Association  
Shipping Association of New York & New Jersey  
Signal Mutual Indemnity Association Ltd  
South Carolina Stevedores Association  
Southeast Florida Employers Port Association  
Steamship Trade Association of Baltimore, Inc.  
United States Maritime Alliance, Ltd.

## Gulf Coast

The American Equity Underwriters, Inc.  
Mobile Steamship Association, Inc.  
Port Houston  
West Gulf Maritime Association

## Great Lakes & Territories

Maritime Employers Association  
Puerto Rico Shipping Association

## Pacific Coast

British Columbia Maritime Employers Association  
Pacific Maritime Association  
Yusen Terminals LLC