

Subject: Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act (CVSSA) of 2010

The purpose of this notice is to provide additional information, resources and links to support cruise line operators with meeting applicable CVSSA requirements:

1) To assist with the CVSSA crime reporting requirement, the reporting form and guidance was developed by the FBI. We make it available as a reference only, since operators likely have existing documentation procedures for reporting crimes.

2) Security Guides required by the CVSSA should be submitted to the FBI at the following address:

FBIHQ, Criminal Investigations Division, Violent Criminal Threat Section
Attn: Special Jurisdiction Crimes
935 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Room 3999
Washington, D.C. 20535

3) CG-543 Policy letter provides guidance for compliance with the provisions of the Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act of 2010 whereby at least one crewmember onboard the passenger vessel must be trained in crime scene preservation training.

4) Medical Staff credentials: The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) references the link below and may be used for training medical staff in the area of forensic sexual assault examinations. <http://iml.dartmouth.edu/education/cme/sae/index.html>

5) Please note that USCG Port State Control Officers (PSCO's) will be evaluating compliance for the following areas of the CVSSA during a ship's next Periodic or Annual Foreign Passenger Vessel COC exam:

- Availability of Security Guide
- Availability of adequate, in-date supplies of anti-retroviral medications
- Availability of equipment and materials to perform medical exams in sexual assault cases
- Availability of properly credentialed medical staff with training in conducting forensic sexual assault examinations
- Policy in place to provide patients and maintain written documentation of findings of such exams
- Accessibility to free and immediate access to various law enforcement and hotline services via private telephone and computer terminals that provide for the confidentiality of the patient.
- Policy in place to assure confidentiality of patient medical exam information
- Policy and procedures to limit crew access to passenger staterooms
- Log book availability to law enforcement, (electronically or otherwise) in a centralized location.

6) Likewise, PSCO's will be spot checking company websites when the exam is scheduled, to ensure the Security Guide is publicized on the website and the FBI crime statistics link is available in accordance with the applicable CVSSA requirements.

If you have any questions regarding CVSSA implementation, please contact us at our general mail box at CSNCOE@uscg.mil, and we will have the appropriate representative reach out to you.