

Best Practice: Color-Coded Flag for Security Level



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Description: Color-coded flag placed in high visibility area to indicate current Security Level.

Discussion: The Dirección General de la Marina Mercante y del Litoral (DIGMER) and the Secretaria de Portección Maritima (SEPROM) instituted the simple practice of flying a color-coded flag at each facility that indicates the current security level. Employees can see the flag upon entering the facility. The flag is placed in a high visibility area so it can be viewed throughout the facility.

Potential Down-side: In an emergency, changing the flag may be a low priority and could cause confusion between verbal and visual communications of the security level.

Conclusion: This is an inexpensive, innovative and effective way to communicate the current security level to persons at the facility.

Cost: The cost is minimal (less than \$200.00 per installation).