

# **SAFETY CALL**

**Safety (Securite) call is used to transmit a message containing important navigational (e.g. container sighted in the sea) or meteorological warnings. Safety takes priority over all communications other than distress and urgency.**

*Most of the time this call will be made by the coastguard, however, they can be transmitted by any station. If there is time it may be better to pass your message to the local coastguard and let them transmit a Securite call as they have better range.*

**SEND ALL SHIPS Safety Alert on DSC (or addressed to individual station or geographical area) and program the working channel (e.g. CH 06).**

**WAIT FOR 15 seconds. Coast Station will send DSC acknowledgment if within range.**

Speaking SLOWLY AND CLEARLY on **Channel 16** (VHF) or 2182 kHz (MF) say:

**SECURITE, SECURITE, SECURITE**  
**ALL STATIONS, ALL STATIONS, ALL STATIONS (or individual station 3x)**  
**THIS IS** ..... (repeat name of your vessel 3 times)  
**CALL SIGN** ..... **MMSI** ..... (of your vessel)  
**LISTEN CHANNEL 06 FOR MY NAVIGATION WARNING**  
**OUT**

Transmit safety call-on working channel (containing position, nature of the safety message, advice, and any other relevant information):

**SECURITE, SECURITE, SECURITE**  
**ALL STATIONS, ALL STATIONS, ALL STATIONS (or individual station 3x)**  
**THIS IS** ..... (repeat name of your vessel 3 times)  
**CALL SIGN** ..... **MMSI** ..... (of your vessel)  
**SECURITE**  
**POSITION OF DANGER** ..... **+ Time (UTC)** .....  
**NATURE OF SAFETY MESSAGE OR DANGER** .....  
**ADVICE** .....  
**NAVIGATION/METEOROLOGICAL WARNING** .....  
**OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION** .....  
**OUT**

Ships receiving a DSC safety call announcing a safety message addressed to all ships should not acknowledge their receipt but should tune to the channel or frequency indicated in the announcement and listen to the safety message. The safety message will be transmitted either on a distress channel/frequency or (if lasting longer than one minute) on a working channel/frequency following an announcement on Ch 16 or MF 2182 kHz.