



Marine Enforcement & Prosecution Policy

Dover Harbour Board, in its capacity as the Competent Harbour Authority, for the Port of Dover, is responsible for the effective enforcement of relevant legislation, Bye-laws and Directions relating to the safety of navigation within the Port. In this policy, enforcement comprises the promulgation of regulation and guidance, effective monitoring, incident investigation and, where appropriate, formal warning and possible prosecution.

Where deemed appropriate, Dover Harbour Board will prosecute offenders for committing criminal offences as set out in relevant legislation and will seek appropriate sanctions for breaches of Dover Harbour Board's Bye-laws and General Directions.

In pursuance of this policy, Dover Harbour Board shall:

- Regularly review the regulatory framework which is derived from relevant national legislation and local regulation.
- Ensure that Dover Harbour Board regulations and associated guidance are widely promulgated.
- Develop and maintain effective enforcement procedures, which comply with relevant national legal requirements and guidelines.
- Develop and maintain effective investigation procedures for use in the event of a navigational incident, which supports Dover Harbour Board enforcement procedures.
- Ensure that all staff involved in an incident investigation, or who are required to follow Dover Harbour Board enforcement procedures, receive effective and relevant training.
- Through Dover Port Control (VTS) maintain an effective marine monitoring regime in order to detect breaches of relevant national and local, (including Dover Harbour Board specific), regulations.
- Utilise the knowledge and skills of the Port of Dover Police to monitor and, if necessary, enforce compliance with relevant legislation.
- Respond to breaches of legislation and regulation, where justified by evidence and other circumstances, by the use of formal warnings and where appropriate, prosecution or imposition of other appropriate sanctions.
- When bringing prosecutions observe the Code for Crown Prosecutors and evidential Codes in so far as appropriate.
- Manage the progress of enforcement activities, including incident investigations and prosecutions and the maintenance of appropriate records.

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Doug Bannister
Chief Executive
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