

Training Requirements for Escorts on Regulated Facilities and Vessels

Question:

What are the training requirements for Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) holders who act as escorts for individuals who do not hold TWICs in secure areas of Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) regulated vessels, facilities, and OCS facilities?

Answer:

TWIC holders who escort non-TWIC holders in secure areas of MTSA regulated vessels, facilities, and OCS facilities are required to meet the training requirements listed in 33 CFR 104.225, 105.215, or 106.220 (Security training for all other vessel/facility/OCS facility personnel). Specifically, escorts must have knowledge of owner/operator's escorting procedures, and the procedures and contingency plans determined by the owner/operator if an escorted individual is engaged in activities other than those for which escorted access was granted.

While monitoring or side-by-side physical accompaniment must be conducted by individuals who possess TWICs, escorts are not considered "facility personnel with security duties" as described in 33 CFR 104.220 or 105.210 or 106.215.