



Why the MCA Enforce

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Why we exist

**The Enforcement Unit
contributes to the Agency
task of ensuring compliance
with Safety and Pollution
legislation**

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Significant Breach

A contravention of legislation appertaining to ships, other watercraft or seafarers. which has, or has the potential to cause, loss of life, serious injury, significant pollution or damage to property or the environment.

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Why do the MCA prosecute

→ To deter others

→ Punishment

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Who to prosecute

Policy

**To prosecute owners and operators
and only to prosecute individuals
when they are personally culpable**

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Code for Crown Prosecutors

- Evidential threshold
- Public interest threshold

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