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## Warning Notice

For the reasons below, your BSS Examiner has cause to suspect that people or properties are in immediate danger, or at risk due to faults in installations, or appliances on this boat. (See explanatory notes on back)

Boat name:

Index/Reg/WIN:

Description of boat:



**Safety  
Warning  
Do Not  
Use**

**Danger is present - a  
faulty installation or  
appliance should not  
be used until the  
faults have been  
rectified by a  
competent person**

Leaking flue or exhaust gases

Ventilation shortfall

Leaking LPG

LPG supply discontinued

LPG fridge on petrol boat

Leaking Fuel

Electrocution risk

Electrical fire risk

Other

BSS Check Item no(s) and a brief description of the defect(s):

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Owner aware of defects (Y or N)

Examiner name:

Signed:

Examiner PIN:

Date / time (24hr):

Hazardous Boat Notification raised with the BSS Office/Navigation Authority

Top copy – owner's copy

2nd copy - To be left in a prominent position on the boat

3rd copy - examiner records  
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## **Notes for the boat owner about the issuing of this BSS warning notice**

### **Why the notice has been issued.**

The notice is issued for two purposes. Firstly, it is to alert the owner or person responsible for the boat's condition that a hazardous defect has been found. Secondly to alert anyone stepping aboard that they could be at risk and should take precautions.

The BSS Examiner has briefly noted what the defect is. If it relates to a BSS Examination check item, you can find out more on [www.boatsafetyscheme.org](http://www.boatsafetyscheme.org) or in the BSS Essential Guide. For further information please contact the examiner.

### **What it means / what to do now?**

You must now consider yourself duly alerted to the hazardous defects and you must arrange or carry out works to make the boat safe as soon as possible.

### **Who has been told?**

This note has been sent or handed to you and a copy has been displayed on the boat in a prominent position. BSS Examiners will keep another copy with their records.

### **Immediately hazardous boat**

Where the defects relate to the following immediate hazards further action may be taken:

- Leaking gas, where the extent of the LPG leak meets the criteria as set out in Appendix C and D or D1
- Leaking fuel
- Leaking flue gases from appliances
- Heat damaged cables or other electrical fire risks
- A.C. electrocution risks
- Gas refrigerators with naked flames on petrol-powered boats

The BSS Examiner will ask you to make the boat safe immediately and not to use the boat /appliance until the defects have been properly fixed. He must also inform the owner of the moorings and the BSS Office who will alert the appropriate navigation or harbour authority.

### **UK Law**

It may be an offence under the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations for a person to use or permit a gas installation/appliance to be used which might constitute a danger to any person or property.

In the event of injury or damage to property, the existence of known defects may be material to the boat owner's duties under the law of occupier's liability or to the boat owner's insurance.

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## Notes for the BSS Examiner about completing a BSS Warning Notice

**Boat name:** Insert the boat name

**Description of the boat:** Note the size and if known, the model and maker, if not, type and material e.g. 23ft frp cruiser

**Index/reg/WIN:** Record at least one of these unique identifying marks whenever possible. 'WIN' (Watercraft Identification Number) was previously called HIN or CIN, and is the 14-digit code issued to new build boats.

**Defect class check boxes:** For defects that are not described please mark the 'other' box with a cross and write a brief description of the hazard in the space provided. For example, imminent risk of the fuel hose failing or significant quantities of fuel or other substances escaping into the watercourse.

**Description of the defect and BSS Check Item no(s):** Insert the BSS Check Item number or N/A, where relevant. Always describe the potential hazard briefly. i.e. gas leak, flue gas leak, low ventilation, petrol leak, electric shock risk etc.

**LPG supply disconnected:** In the event of an immediate danger due to a LPG installation or appliance fault there is a requirement to disconnect the LPG supply. Please put a Y or N in the box. Follow the measures set out in Appendix A and B of the BSS Examination Checking Procedures.

**Owner advised of the risk:** Prior to the issue of the BSS Warning Notice, the owner (or representative) must be informed of the hazards concerned. If the owner does not commit to fixing the defect, contact the BSS Office. If the owner is not informed, add the reason why in the space immediately to the right of the box.

**Date/time (24hr):** Insert the date and precise time (24-hour clock) that you issue the BSS Warning Notice.

**Name, PIN and Signature:** Please print your name clearly and add your BSS PIN, then sign the notice

**Hazardous Boat Notification:** Write an X this box if the defect falls into the category that Appendix B is activated and a HBN must be issued

The BSS Warning Notice should be completed in all cases where you believe that people or property may be or are in immediate danger or at risk.

One 'top copy' of the BSS Warning Notice should be given or sent to the owner, and the other 'top copy' should be left displayed in a prominent position on board the boat. The position should be where anyone entering onto the boat will be sure to see it.

Retain the yellow copy for the vessel's examination records and keep these for at least six years, as these could be important in any future investigations or legal proceedings.