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## **Safety - including inquiries and reports**

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There are two purposes of a public inquiry, namely ascertaining the facts and learning lessons for the future. In the vast majority of cases the second is a very important ingredient, especially in the sphere of transport, because it is to be hoped and indeed expected that the detailed examination of the causes of a particular casualty will yield valuable information from which lessons can be learned. The public (and especially the survivors and the relatives and friends of those who lost their lives) has a legitimate interest in learning the truth of what happened, without anything being swept under the carpet. In some cases that will necessitate a public inquiry, whereas in others it will not.

### **M.V. Derbyshire**

Investigation into the disappearance of the M.V. Derbyshire bulk carrier which disappeared virtually without a trace on September 9 1980, just south of Japan.

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### **Thames safety inquiry : final report**

Inquiry into safety on the River Thames, which has been further emphasised in recent decades by amongst others, the Marchioness and Bowbelle disasters.

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### **Thames safety inquiry : interim report**

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### **Response to the Transport Select Committee's report on the MCA - CM 6343 (95 kb)**

CM 6343 - The Government's response to the Transport Select Committee's report on the work of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

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**The trawler Gaul: Why was no search made for the wreck? (733 kb)**

The report was written by Roger Clarke.

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