

# Article 1.04 - General obligation to exercise vigilance

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1. When [under way](#) every [vessel](#) shall at all times proceed at a [safe speed](#).
2. Even where no special rules are laid down in these regulations, boatmasters shall take all the precautions required by the general obligation to exercise vigilance and good navigational practice in order to avoid, in particular:
  - (a) Danger to human life;
  - (b) Damage to [vessels](#) or [assemblies of floating material](#), banks, works or installations of any kind on or adjacent to the [waterway](#);
  - (c) Causing obstructions to navigation; and
  - (d) Causing inordinate harm to the environment.
3. Paragraph 2 shall also apply to persons in charge of [floating establishments](#).