

Lock Safety

What causes accidents in locks?

Not paying attention

Rushing the procedures

Safety essentials

Make sure the boat is level and free.

It should be away from the cill, not caught on a gate or projection and the ropes should be able to run freely

Use the paddles (sluices) gradually

Check that your crew have got their part of the task right

Watch out for 'helpful' bystanders - their mistakes could land you in trouble

Always have a steerer on the boat in locks