

# NINE RULES. EVERY LIFE.

Life-Saving Rules. The activities that kill people in our industry, and the rule that stops each one.

## NINE RULES, NINE FATAL RISKS

Each rule covers an activity that has killed people across the industry. Know the one that applies to your task today.

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**BYPASSING SAFETY CONTROLS**

Get authorisation before overriding or disabling any safety control.

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**CONFINED SPACE**

Get authorisation before entering a confined space.

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**DRIVING**

Follow safe driving rules: belts on, no phone, within limits, fit to drive.

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**ENERGY ISOLATION**

Verify isolation and zero energy before work begins.

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**HOT WORK**

Control flammables and ignition sources before hot work starts.

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**LINE OF FIRE**

Keep yourself and others out of the line of fire.

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**SAFE MECHANICAL LIFTING**

Plan lifting operations and control the area.

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**WORK AUTHORISATION**

Work only with a valid permit or authorisation.

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**WORKING AT HEIGHT**

Protect yourself against a fall when working at height.

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**WHY NINE**

IOGP analysed decades of industry fatalities and found most fell into a small number of activities. One clear rule for each.

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**BEFORE THE TASK**

Ask which rule applies today. If more than one does, the risk assessment and permit tell you how they fit together.

3

**IF YOU CANNOT FOLLOW THE RULE**

Stop. A rule you cannot meet means a control is missing. Raise it before work starts, not after.

4

**INTERVENE**

If you see someone about to break a rule, speak up. If someone speaks to you, listen. Both are expected here.

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**SUPERVISORS**

Set the job up so the rules can be followed: time, equipment, permits, people. Check that they are.

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**CONSEQUENCES**

Breaking a Life-Saving Rule is treated as a serious matter through the just culture process. Reporting a rule you could not follow is not.

If you cannot follow the rule, you cannot do the job. Stop and ask.

KNOW  
THE RULE

FOLLOW  
THE RULE

SPEAK  
UP

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