

Life Saving Rules



EIGA believes that if all workers in our industry follow a fundamental set of rules, many serious or potentially fatal accidents could be avoided.

Member companies should identify their hazards through risk assessments and ensure that workers fully understand the measures required to reduce the risk. These Life Saving Rules are intended to remind workers of the hazards and to refer them to their local risk assessments.

The rules were developed from knowledge of accidents and incidents, especially those which are particular to the gas industry and from an understanding of existing lifesaving rules within some Member companies.

EIGA believes that all workers should:



Asphyxiation Hazards

- Understand and search for potential asphyxiation hazards, in enclosed spaces as well as near to equipment containing gases or cryogenic liquids... take care and warn others.



Oxygen hazards

- Be aware of fire hazards whenever dealing with oxygen... never deviate from the procedures and be sure to maintain cleanliness for oxygen service.



Hazardous substances

- Understand the effects of substances hazardous to health, on themselves and others... use prescribed safeguards, including PPE, properly.



Confined or enclosed spaces

- Recognise and respect the hazards of confined or enclosed spaces... and be properly prepared for a rescue.

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Work permits

- Use the work permit process to identify hazards, to anticipate and prevent possible accidents... and if anyone does not feel safe, they should ask questions.



Energy isolation (lock out – tag out)

- Make sure that equipment is isolated from energy sources and de-energised before working on it... prevent reenergising by proper locking and tagging.



Electrical hazards

- Only work on electrical systems if qualified... and confirm that proper precautions are in place.



Safety equipment

- Never override safety equipment! Respect the original intent and importance of safeguarding devices, and the time required to work safely... make any suggestions for improvement formally.



Management of change

- Recognize the risks of making changes... and follow all the steps of the Management of Change (MOC) process exactly.

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Working at height

- Understand that the consequences of a fall from height can be life changing... and make sure that all specified precautions and equipment are properly used.



Lifting operations

- Ensure that any lifting task is thoroughly planned, assessed, controlled and executed... and stop the operation if any problem or unexpected situation arises.



Personal protective equipment

- Know the correct Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to use for each task or work area... and use it properly.



Driving

- Be alert, rested and focused on the traffic conditions whenever driving... and if not, stop for a break.



Personal responsibility

- Take responsibility for their own actions, condition and decisions.....whenever they feel unsafe they should speak up.