

Learning from Life Saving Rule events

The following is a short summary of a Life Saving Rule event, investigation, follow up, and learning opportunities.

It is intended to help share information and learn from each event to prevent future occurrences. It is about Saving Lives.

Event Date & Description:

7/4/2010 --- Contract worker failed to protect himself against a fall when working at height.

What happened?

While an observation was being performed on a contract crane crew dismantling a temporary rental crane, a worker was observed changing locations without being tied off while working at height.

Which Life Saving Rule(s) involved:

Protect yourself against a fall when working at height.

Investigation results:

When the crew was interviewed, one crew member unhooked the worker because he was "out of slack" on his lanyard. The person that unhooked the worker stated he thought the climber was tied off with his other lanyard so he unhooked him to allow him to move. However, the climber was in fact not tied off. The climber was observed by a Shell Supervisor as he moved around the edge of the gantry. The Shell Supervisor noticed that the worker looked at both ends of the lanyard but continued to move, seemingly knowing he was not tied off. The employee as well as the entire crew were/are aware of the 12 Life Saving Rules.

Action taken:

The job was stopped, the WCC was closed, and the incident captured on the "wet ink" copy. A stand down was performed with the entire crew and job sponsor. The worker was removed from the location and will not be allowed to work on a Shell location.

Key Learning Points:

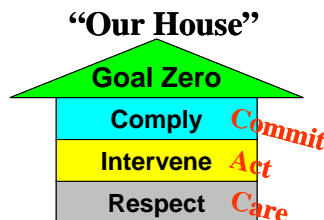
- 1) Communication is key between individuals when working at height.
- 2) No one else except the climber should ever unhook "the climbers" lanyard.

It is about saving lives, and it is working.

Everyone should ensure that we know the rules, follow the rules, and always intervene if there is the potential for unsafe behaviors or conditions. This applies to everyone: peers, supervisors, and visitors.

If in doubt, always consult your supervisor.

Safety is a value, Goal Zero is a mindset



Keep our house safe, always