

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 and Description: [2010-03-10 Troubleshooting malfunctioning system](#)

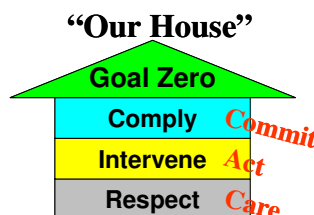
What happened: A series of progressive steps to troubleshoot a malfunctioning system without a permit or Job Safety Analysis resulted in an individual unknowingly breaking containment and causing a hydrocarbon release.
Which Life Saving Rule(s) involved: Work with a valid permit when required
Investigation results: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Individual should have recognized increasing Exposure associated with progressive troubleshooting steps, stopped the work, and referred to the Job Planning Matrix before proceeding.2. Field leadership agreed that had the Job Planning Matrix been used, a task specific Job Safety Analysis would have been required but not a work permit.3. No expectation for the individual to obtain a Work Permit so there is no Life Saving Rule violation.
Action taken: Consequence Management framework used to determine and deliver appropriate follow-up action.
Key Learning Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Job Planning Matrix is the tool to be used to determine the required level of Safe Work Planning such as JSA, Permits, and Safe Work Plans.2. Troubleshooting can be a gray area; when in doubt, stop and reach out.3. Recognizing tasks that progress beyond the original scope is critical to recognizing and mitigating changes in Exposure.

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

