

BULLETIN NO.139

LIFE-SAVING RULES

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BACKGROUND

To help mitigate the risk of serious incidents happening and to protect staff from work-related fatalities, it is good practice to implement a standard set of rules that are easy to understand and to follow. These are commonly known as Life-Saving Rules. A study by the International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (IOGP) suggests that from 2008 to 2017, 376 lives could have been saved via the implementation and adherence to this set of 9 rules (Source: IOGP report 459; August 2018).

SUMMARY

JIG recommends that facilities operating to the JIG Standards implement a set of Life-Saving Rules. In the absence of an internally defined set of Life-Saving Rules and where possible, JIG recommends adoption of the IOGP Life-saving rules, according to which 80% of global incidents are related to the Industry Life-Saving Rules risk area, while 20% of fatalities since 2014 are related to the Line of Fire rule included in the IOGP Life-Saving Rules.

Many companies in the Oil & Gas Industry, including several JIG members, have transitioned to the IOGP Life-Saving Rules and many contractors and suppliers are strongly supportive of the industry wide standardization of Life-Saving Rules. The IOGP Life-Saving Rules are standardized and simple rules “to provide workers in the industry with the actions they can take to protect themselves and their colleagues from fatalities” (IOGP 2021).

Rather than prescriptive ‘dos and don’ts’, the IOGP Life-Saving Rules are written as intent-based ‘I statements’ which require everyone to engage personally and demonstrate how they will comply. The language also makes it clear how everyone must work together with a shared responsibility for Personal Safety and help each other to comply. The rules require people to engage more deeply with their colleagues, understanding the dynamics of the task – holding quality and ongoing conversations about how the rules apply to their work.

These rules help to reduce the need for re-training of workers based on which facility or location they work at, and transfer learning more easily between industry partners. All of which means there is a higher likelihood that the rules will help save lives.

The use of IOGP rules and their associated supporting material is free of charge and available in multiple languages.

ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS BULLETIN (SEE TABLE 2 FOR ACTION TYPE CODES)

Action Description	Action Type	Effective date
Implement a set of Life-Saving Rules, adopting the IOGP Life-Saving Rules where possible https://www.iogp.org/lifesavingrules/	RP	31 May 2022
JIG members implementing the IOGP Life Saving Rules should: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refer to the FAQs section for more information• Read and understand the user agreement at: https://www.iogp.org/bookstore/product/life-saving-rules/	RP	31 May 2022

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Table 2 Action Type Codes

Action Types	JIG Bulletin Action Type Definition
JS	Change to JIG Standard – to be adopted by JV and/or Operator to continue to meet the JIG Standard(s) (JIG 1, 2, 4, EI/JIG 1530 and the JIG HSSE Management System).
RA	Required Action to implement one off verification or checks outlined in the table of actions.
RP	JIG Recommended Practice which the JV should consider adopting as its own practice (**).
I	Issued for information purposes only.

Note (**) - If the JV agreements require any of the JIG Standards and/or any of the JIG Common Processes as the governing operational standard then adoption of changes to applicable JIG Standards and/or Common Processes should not be considered optional by the JV Board.

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