



**HEALTH, SAFETY,
& ENVIRONMENTAL**



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Stay Focused on the Fundamentals

A review of recent incidents revealed a common pattern: most events occurred during routine activities such as walking, moving equipment, backing vehicles, connecting equipment, and performing everyday work tasks. While the outcomes were generally minor, some incidents had the potential to result in serious injury had the circumstances been slightly different.

What We Are Seeing

Incidents included:

- Vehicle and equipment contact events during movement operations.
- Personnel trips and ankle injuries while navigating work areas and stairs.
- Contact with obstacles, hoses, and other items within travel paths.
- Eye irritation and exposure incidents.
- Property damage resulting from equipment movement without complete verification of conditions.

Common Contributing Factors

- **Lack of Situational Awareness:** Routine tasks can create a false sense of familiarity. When our focus shifts solely to the task at hand, hazards around us can go unnoticed.
- **Line-of-Fire Exposure:** Personnel and equipment were placed in positions where unexpected movement or contact could occur.
- **Poor Travel Path Management:** Hoses, obstacles, uneven surfaces, and other obstructions contributed to trips and contact injuries.
- **Failure to Verify Before Movement:** Incidents involved equipment or vehicles being moved without taking a final moment to verify surroundings, connections, clearances, or potential line-of-fire exposures.

Take Five Before You Move

Before walking, driving, backing, lifting, or repositioning equipment:

- Stop and look around.
- Verify your travel path is clear.
- Check connections, hoses, tools, and equipment.
- Confirm line-of-fire hazards have been addressed.
- Ensure personnel and obstructions are clear of your intended path.

A few seconds spent verifying conditions can prevent injuries, equipment damage, and production disruptions.

Before every move, pause and ask yourself: ***“What am I about to do, and what could go wrong?”***

Using the L.I.F.E. process to identify hazards, intervene when necessary, facilitate conversations, and eliminate or control exposures before work begins can help prevent routine tasks from becoming incidents.

Key Takeaway:

Most incidents don't occur because workers lack skill or experience. They occur when routine work becomes so familiar that we stop actively looking for the hazards around us.

Stay engaged, maintain situational awareness, manage line-of-fire exposures, and use the L.I.F.E. process every day. The safest crews are not those who encounter the fewest hazards. They are the crews who recognize hazards early, communicate effectively, and take action to eliminate or control them before an incident occurs.

Think Before You Move. Verify Before You Act. Control the Hazard. Finish the Job Safely.

Proper use of the **GIS LIFE Processes** can help to create a **FAIL-SAFE** Work Environment



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