

# 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:** [2009-8-25 Working at Heights \(Ladder Use\)](#)

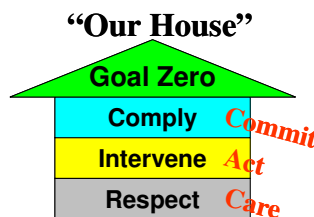
<b>What happened:</b> A worker was observed conducting work from a ladder in what was perceived to be close proximity to a platform handrail and leaning out from the side / edge of the ladder to reach intended focus of work. The question was raised as to whether a Life Saving Rule had been violated.
<b>What rule was Potentially Violated:</b> Protect yourself against fall when working at heights.
<b>Investigation results:</b> The referenced incident was reviewed by operations and reviewed with HSE Leadership. Once details of the event were compiled, evidence indicated that worker, while near a handrail, was positioned inside (i.e. ladder was between worker and handrail). Interviews indicated that while working from an appropriate rung on the ladder (<6' above deck), the worker was leaning to reach intended area. <b>Conclusion: No life saving rule was violated.</b>
<b>Action taken:</b> Review and emphasize the safe practices for ladder usage as contained in HSE-0044.
<b>Key Learning Points:</b> This early event was a good example of keeping the life saving rules narrow and not allowing them to grow into the standards.

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