

### 5-minute talk for **Line of fire**

**Use this 5-minute talk in team discussions, like start of shift, morning, or pre-tower meetings, to help bring the Life Saving Rules to life.** First, review the rule briefly with the team, then use the prompts to engage the group and start a discussion, or share a personal example of how you've experienced the rule.

## Line of Fire



### Keep yourself and others out of the line of fire

- I position myself to avoid:
  - moving objects
  - vehicles
  - pressure releases
  - dropped objects
- I establish and obey barriers and exclusion zones
- I take action to secure loose objects and report potential dropped objects



### Case Study

A truck used for transporting workers, water and equipment was parked at a worksite with the engine still running. During a break, workers approached the truck to get water. All workers but one return to their work. This worker had collected sandbags from the truck and was preparing the bags for use while sitting next to the truck. The driver did not notice him, and without performing any walk-around, started the truck, fatally running over the worker.

### Discussion prompts

**What is stopping a similar incident (line of fire) from happening at our site?**

### Facilitator background notes

- Line of fire hazards are not always obvious or constant and can be introduced as the task progresses.
- Examples include; underground and overhead powerlines, pipelines, objects under pressure, stored energy, lines under tension, poorly supported excavations, shifting cargo.
- At all times individuals continually monitor their surroundings and position themselves to avoid being in the line of fire. This includes ensuring you are visible to vehicle drivers and equipment operators.
- Individuals recognise when they create a line of fire hazard and put others or themselves in the line of fire.