

Golden Rules 2015 Refresh – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What are the golden rules of safety?

- The Golden Rules of Safety are a list of the things that can be done to most effectively reduce risk for activities which contain the most hazard for individuals working in the field.
- They are all currently existing requirements across BP (i.e., there's no new requirements)
 - Since they are all already existing requirements, they are a reminder list of only the most effective requirements BP has for reducing personal safety risk

Who should use the golden rules?

- Anyone performing potentially higher risk work in the field or responsible for the safety of those performing work in the field
- Most typically:
 - Operators
 - Maintenance professionals
 - Contractors performing work for BP
 - Supervisors of those listed above

What are the high risk activities for which we have golden rules?

- Permit to work
- Energy isolation
- Ground disturbance
- Confined space entry
- Working at heights
- Lifting operations
- Driving Safety
- Hot Work

What new requirements are there in the rules for me to follow?

- There are no new requirements - all of the golden rules are already-existing requirements for everyone working on BP sites

We've had the golden rules for a long time. Haven't we removed the risk from these activities by now?

- While the rate of serious personal safety incidents has declined dramatically since BP originally introduced the Golden Rules in 2003, a recent survey of higher-consequence incidents indicated that between 50-75% of these incidents were for the high risk activities for which we have Golden Rules.

If I follow what's in the golden rules, have I satisfied all of BP's requirements for the job?

- No - The Golden rules are NOT a list of all the BP safety requirements for a given job. They are there to remind you of the few requirements which we believe reduce risk most effectively.

What has changed in this version of the golden rules?

- Hot Work has been introduced as a high risk activity due to higher BP focus on the topic, as well as a higher importance being placed on process safety and the risk it entails.
- Management of Change (MoC) has been removed as a high risk activity because those performing field work are typically not those individuals performing the MoC in the first place. MoC remains a critical part of BP's efforts in limiting its operational risk.
- Clear links to OMS/GDP's have been established.
- Every requirement in the golden rules now matches requirements that already exist for all of BP Group.

What is expected of me when using the rules?

- Use as reminders of what can be done when you encounter workers performing higher risk activities in the field.
- Refer to them when performing risk assessments of higher risk activities.