

SAFETY MOMENT

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Working in the oil and gas field can be a fulfilling and lucrative career path. That being said, employees are exposed to a multitude of hazards that can lead to significant injuries, illnesses, and deaths. Everything from struck-by incidents, burn hazards, equipment failure, moving equipment, pressurized systems, etc., are everyday sights for those who work in this field that is critical to our infrastructure.



To mitigate the hazards of this work to acceptable levels, a variety of different types of safeguards need to be used. There are different levels of effectiveness of safeguards that can be utilized to keep workers safe. The most effective safeguard is the elimination of hazards followed by substitution, engineering controls, administrative controls, and PPE.

While the first choice in safeguards should always be the elimination of hazards, we should always focus on the Hierarchy of Control. See below.

