

Changes to the General Safety Rules

What's happening?

BP GoM has added a rule to the General Safety Rules prohibiting the use of hand tied knots to secure items being lifted or lowered from heights (see below the excerpt from the General Safety Rules).

3.13 Lifting and Lowering Tools and Equipment

Hand tied knots shall not be used when lifting or lowering tools and equipment from elevation.

An alternative method, such as manufactured closing devices, carabiners, or self-adhering tape shall be used in lieu of tying knots when lifting and lowering tools and equipment from elevation.

Why is this happening?

This amendment is intended to better secure items being lifted or lowered from heights. BP GoM has added this rule to mitigate the hazard of a dropped object and reduce the risk of injury to personnel and/or damage to equipment.

What does this mean for me?

Changes in this rule mean that you must find alternative methods to lift and lower tools and equipment from height, methods that do not include hand tied knots, while on BP facilities. This rule goes into effect on May 1, 2019.

Acceptable alternative lifting and lowering methods include, but are not limited to, single or double carabiner tool lanyards, self-adhering tape, and elastic loop tool tails (see below).

