

# Top 10 rules for Process Safety



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**Obtain, understand, and maintain all relevant and valid process safety information.**



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**Ensure that those with PSM responsibilities have the competence to fulfill their roles.**



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**Process safety should become a value, not simply a compliance topic.**



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**Process safety is the study of accidents, not an account of the accidents that did not occur (Kletz, 1993).**



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**Things get worse under pressure.**



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**Ensure thorough and adequate risk assessments to understand risks and to provide a robust basis for prevention and/or mitigation measures.**



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**Let no single safeguard lead to disaster.**



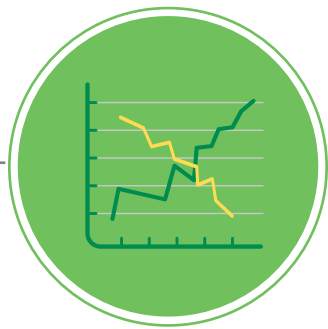
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**Do not presume that a small change is not significant until you have properly assessed it.**



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**Maintain a chronic sense of unease: The absence of evidence of risk is not evidence of the absence of risk.**



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**Measure and report PSM performance using meaningful indicators across the organization.**

**Read more about the Top 10 Rules for Process Safety and how you can leverage them for an effective PSM program.**

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