

Human & Organizational Performance (HOP) & Serious Injuries & Fatalities (SIF)



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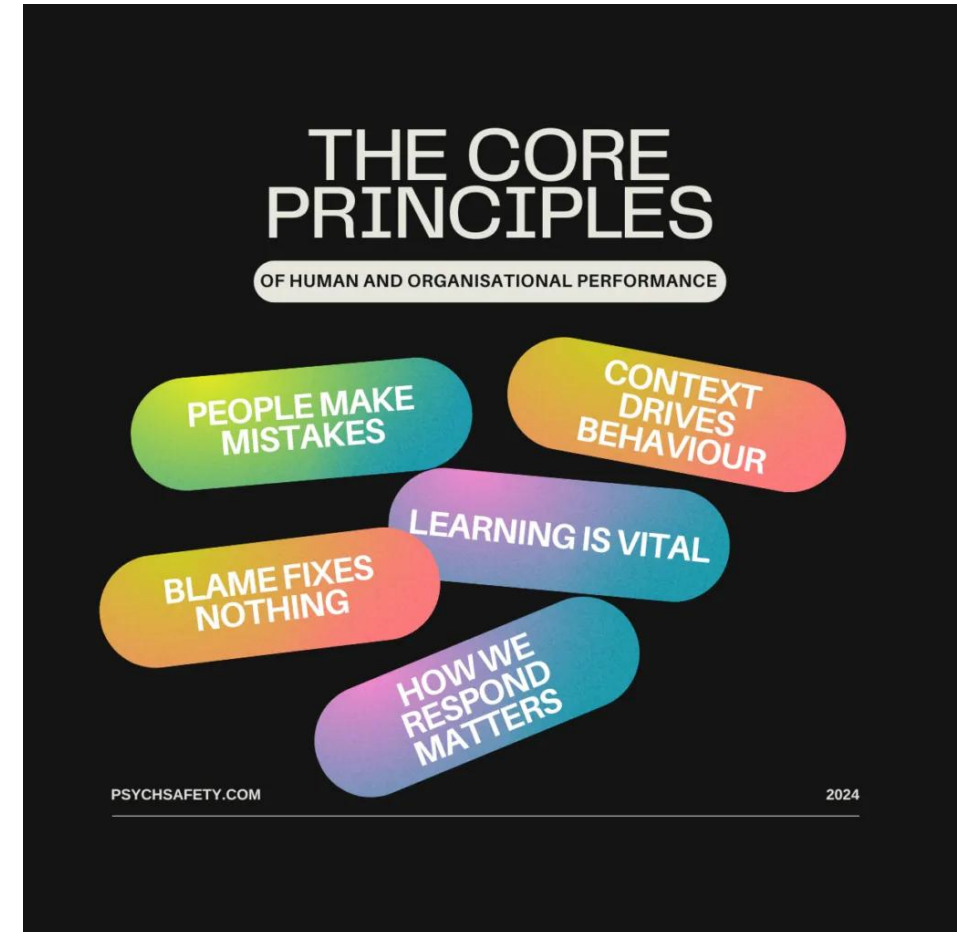


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What is HOP?

- Human & Organizational Performance (HOP)
 - Humans are fallible and can make mistakes
 - HOP shifts the focus from blaming individuals for problems and shifts the focus to understanding and improving organizational systems
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- Traditional = *Fix the person*
 - HOP = *Fix the system*



What is HOP?

- Human & Organizational Performance (HOP)
 1. Error is normal
 2. Blame fixes nothing
 3. Context drives behavior
 4. Learning is Vital
 5. Leadership Response Matters
- Shifting blame away from the individual and focusing on the systemic and contextual cause



Mindsets -Traditional vs. HOP



- Traditional Approach

- Compliance/Rule Enforcement
- Zero Errors
- Investigation = “Who’s fault is it?”
- Safety = absence of incidents
- Discipline driven

- HOP Approach

- Learning & System Improvement
- Human error will happen
- Investigation = “Why did the system allow the error?”
- Safety = Presence of safeguards
- Resilience driven



Example



- Scenario: A maintenance tech suffers a hand injury while replacing a conveyor belt. The conveyor was not locked out, which allowed the belt to move while the tech was performing work.

Traditional

- Investigation focus:
 - Technician failed to follow LOTO procedures
- Root cause:
 - Technician was complacent
- Corrective actions:
 - Discipline tech for LOTO failure
 - Retrain tech on LOTO
 - Post more signage on performing LOTO on conveyors

HOP

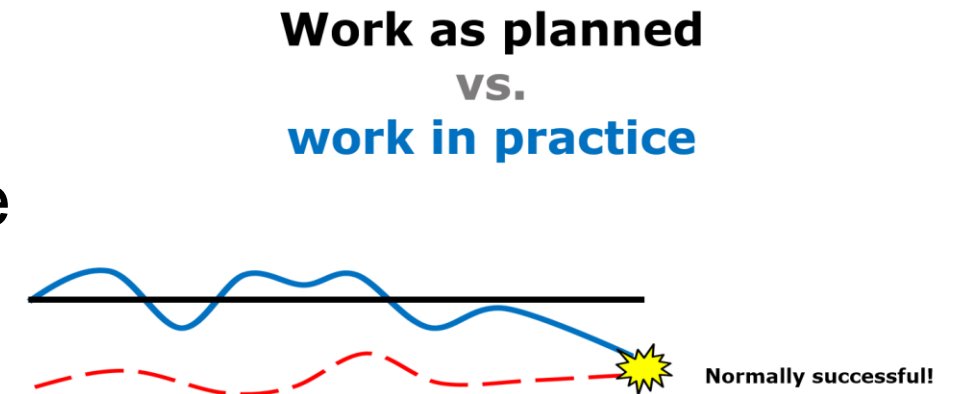
- Investigation focus:
 - Technician failed to follow LOTO procedures
- Root cause:
 - Pressure to restart line quickly to meet production goals
 - LOTO devices far away
 - SOP difficult to find
- Corrective actions:
 - Train supervisors on balancing safety & productivity
 - Store LOTO tools near equipment/on cart
 - Place LOTO SOP at the equipment



HOP Risk Assessment



- Work As Planned vs. Work As Practiced
 - Planned – How we think the job is done
 - Practiced – How the job is actually done
- Risk lives in the gap



**"Workers are masters of
the blue line."**

- Conklin/Edwards



HOP Risk Assessment



- How do I close the gap?
 - Learning Teams
 - “Walk me through a typical job”
 - “What if X happens?”
 - “What if X isn’t available?”
 - “What would make this safer & easier for you without slowing you down?”
 - “What’s the biggest risk of this job?”
 - “What conditions today made the job harder or slower?”
 - Gather & document responses & implement corrective actions based on Work As Practiced and incorporate into Work as Planned (SOPs, training, 5S, etc.)



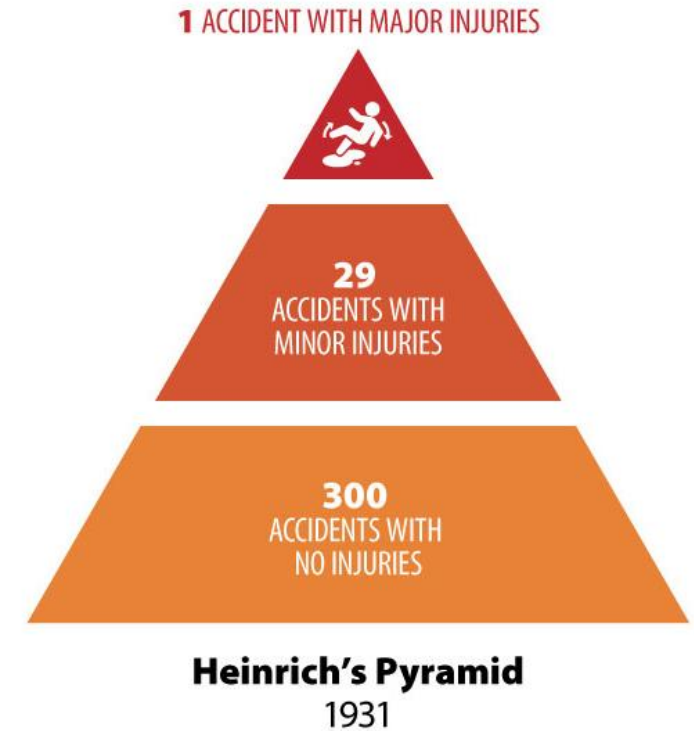
What does this have to do with SIFs?



A Little History

Heinrich's Pyramid (1931)

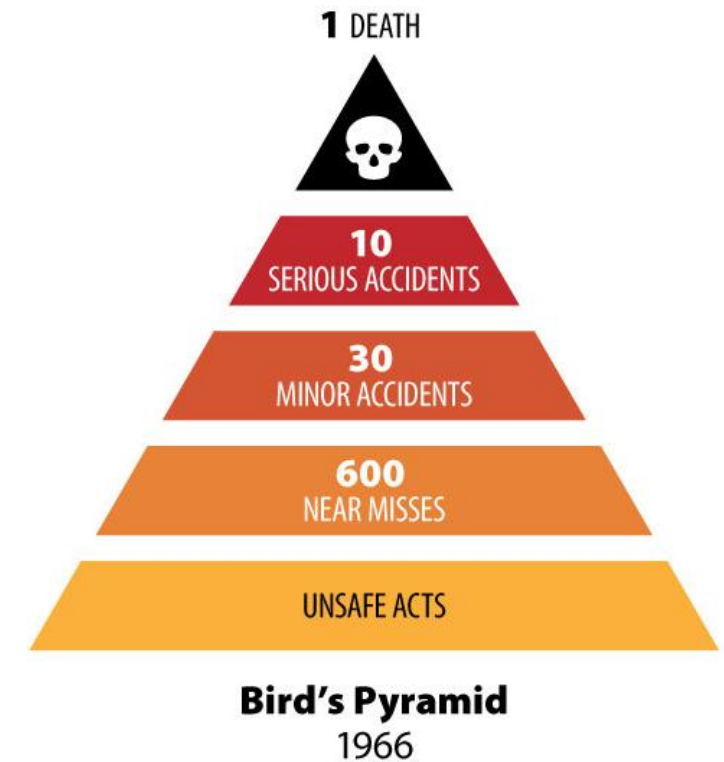
- William Heinrich
- 1931 publish theory in *Industrial Accident Prevention: A Scientific Approach*.
- Focuses on human actions as cause of injuries
- 88% of accidents are caused by the unsafe acts of persons.



A Little History

Bird's Pyramid (1966)

- Frank Bird
- One fatality for every 600 near misses
- Focusing on near misses or first aids leads to a reduction of severe injuries or fatalities (SIF).



What does the data show?

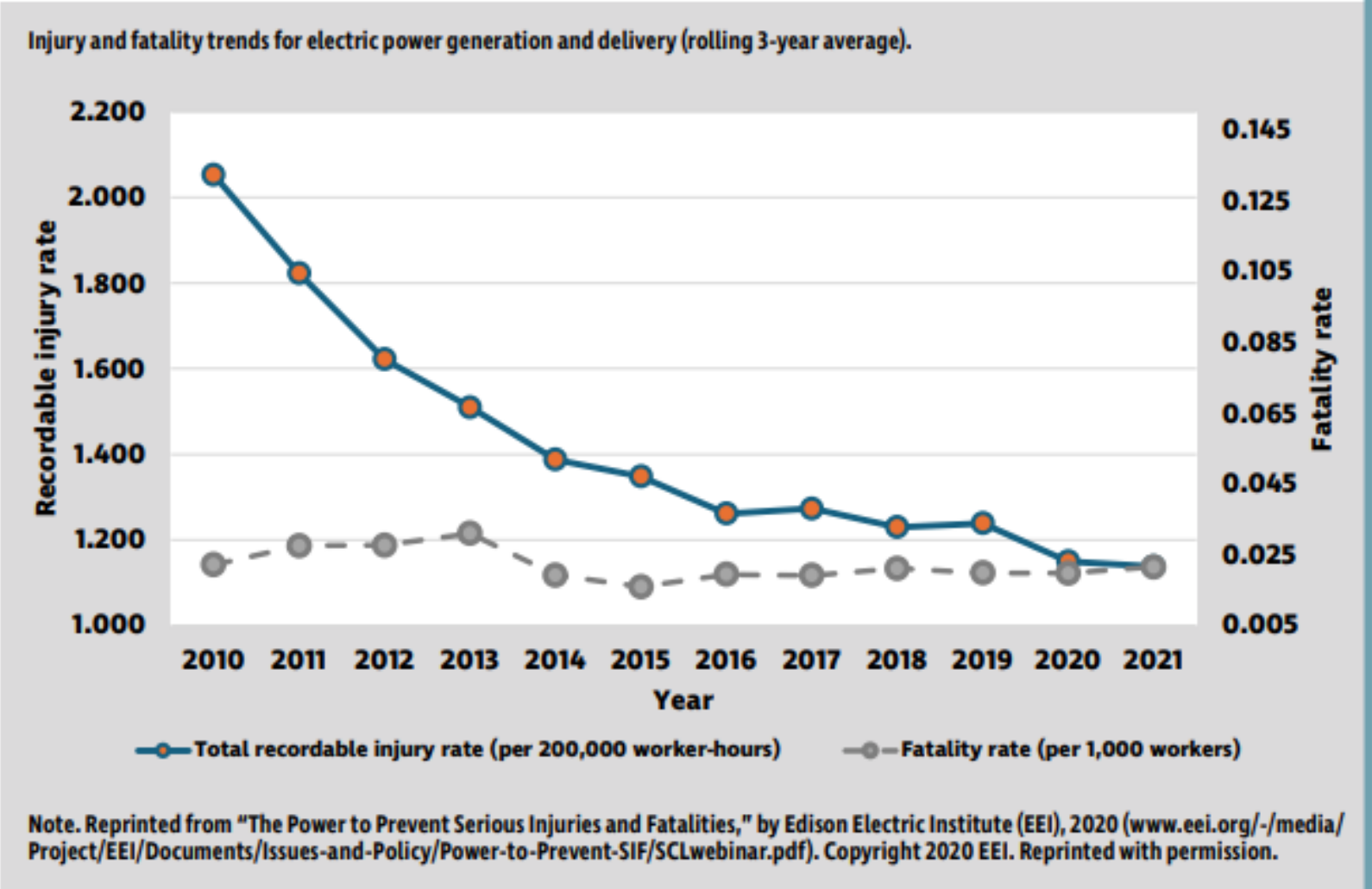
- Since 1970s/1980s injury prevention in the U.S. has been focused on reducing **near misses** and **first aids** with the goal of **reducing injuries** and **fatalities**.
- We have been successful in reducing minor injuries and the TRIR, BUT....the data shows something else.



SIF vs TRIR



FIGURE 1
POWER GENERATION & DELIVERY INJURY & FATALITY TRENDS



What Does This Mean?

- Traditional approach has reduced injuries and recordables and driven down workers' compensation claims and lost productivity.
 - SIF prevention and causes are different from low severity prevention and causes
 - Keep doing what you are doing...BUT
- We need a new (different) approach to reduce the risk of SIFs.



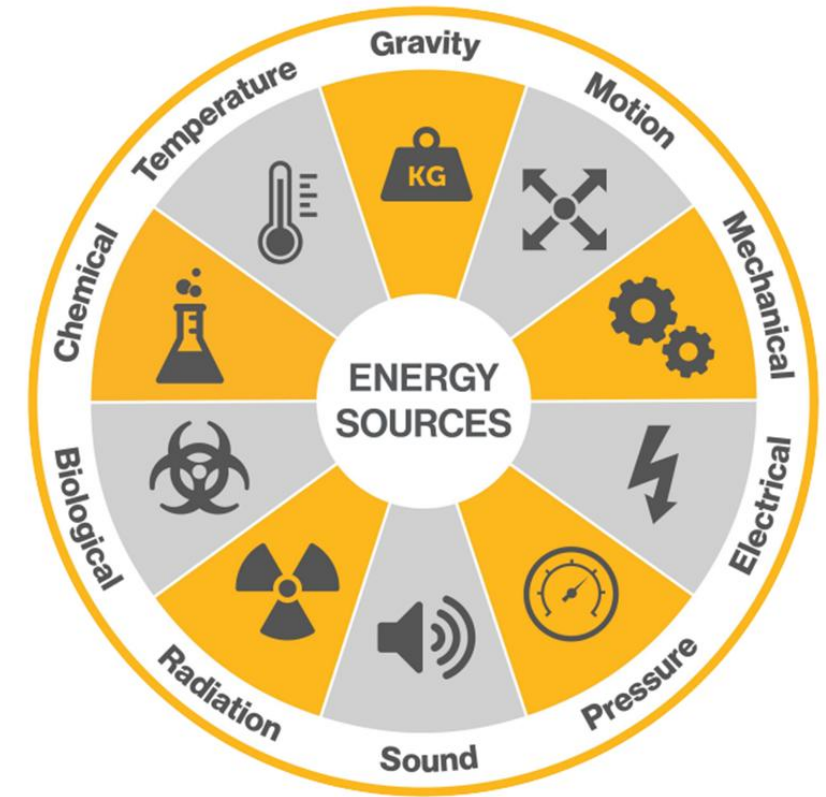
How do you define “SIF”?

- SIF: Incidents that are considered life threatening, life altering, or lead to death
- What’s the difference between a *severe* injury vs. a “regular” injury?
 - The magnitude of the energy involved



Energy Approach

- Greater Energy = Greater Severity
 - Examples:
 - Falling at floor level vs. falling 20 feet
 - Contact with hydraulic fluid vs. contact with 50% caustic
- What energy is present?
- Is it enough to cause serious injury?



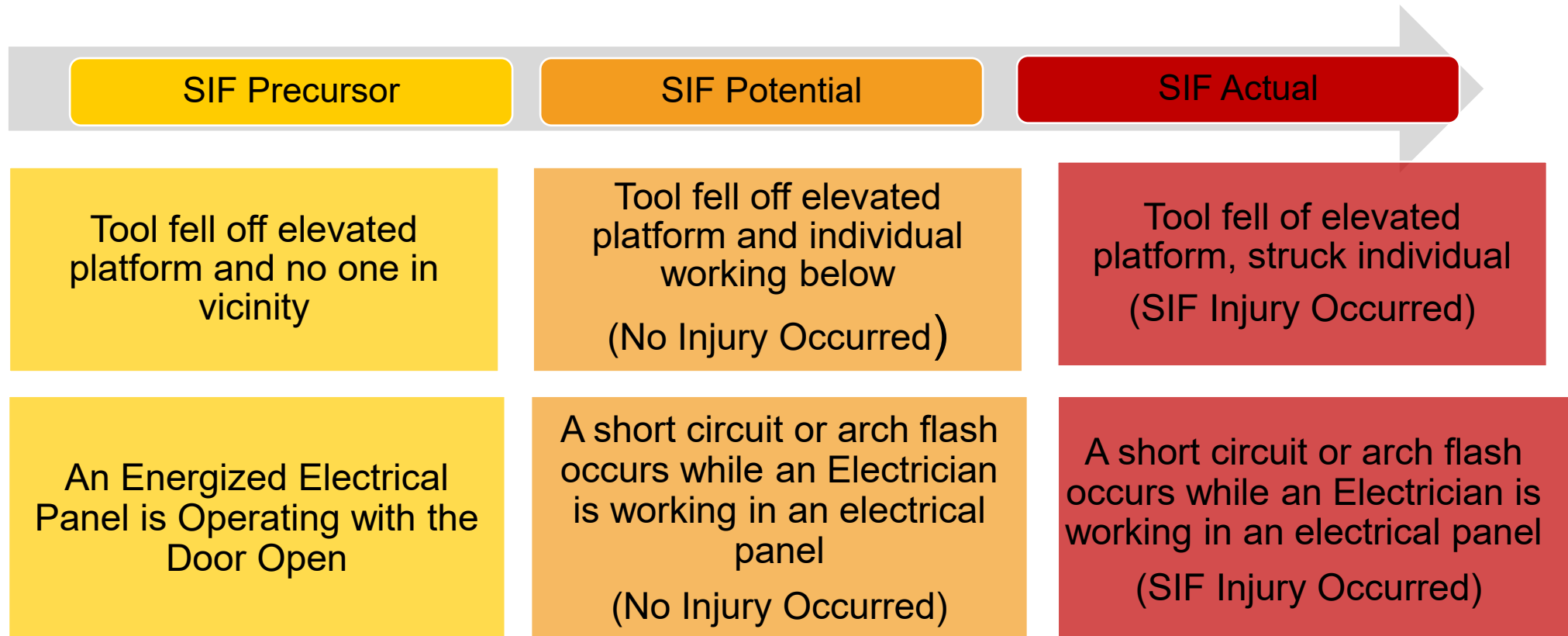
SIF Precursor/Potential



- Near miss, incident, or hazardous condition that, given slightly different circumstances, could have resulted in severe injury or fatality

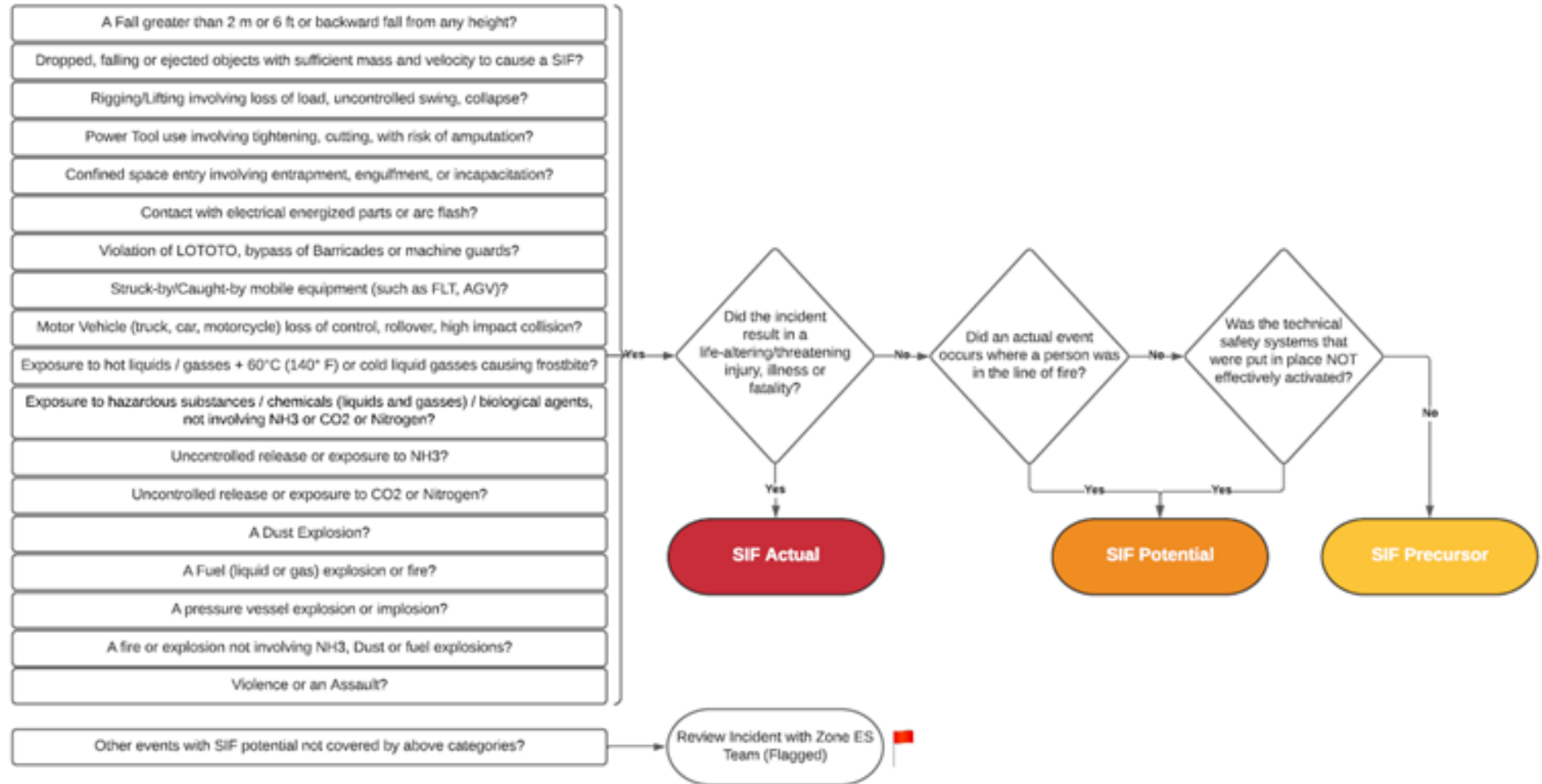


SIF Precursor/Potential



SIF Decision Tree

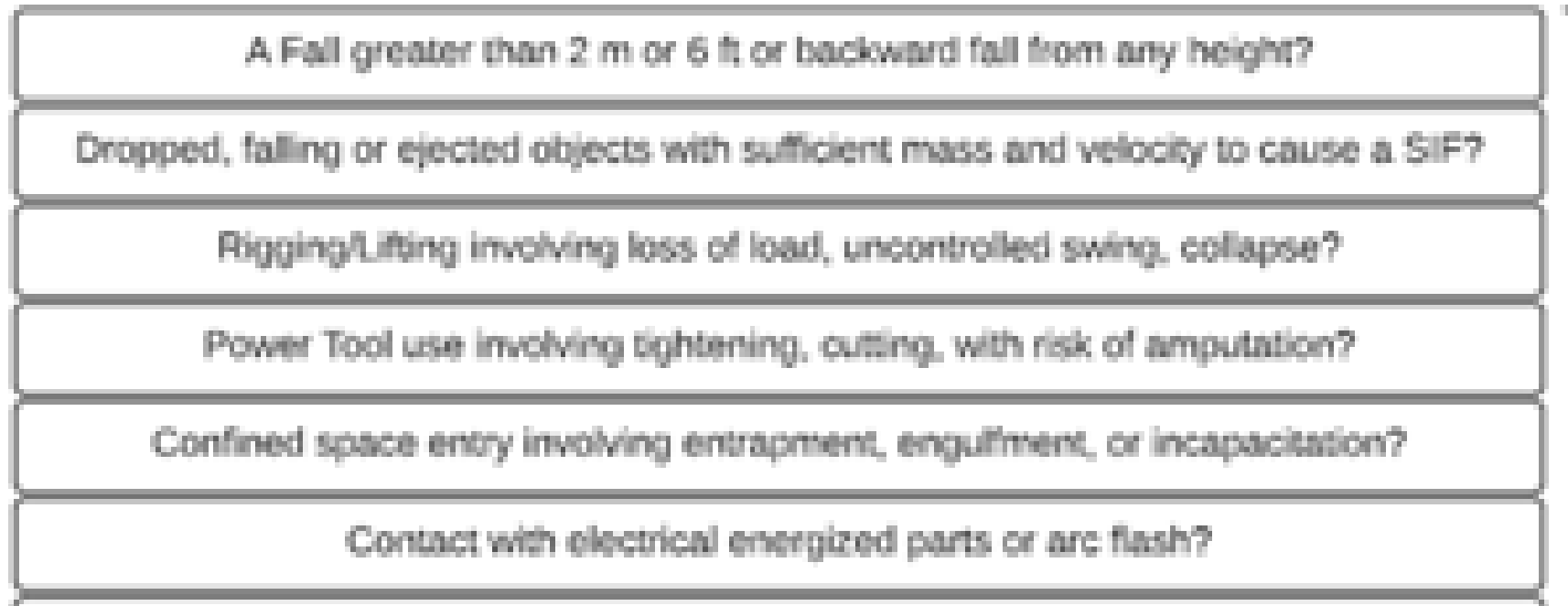
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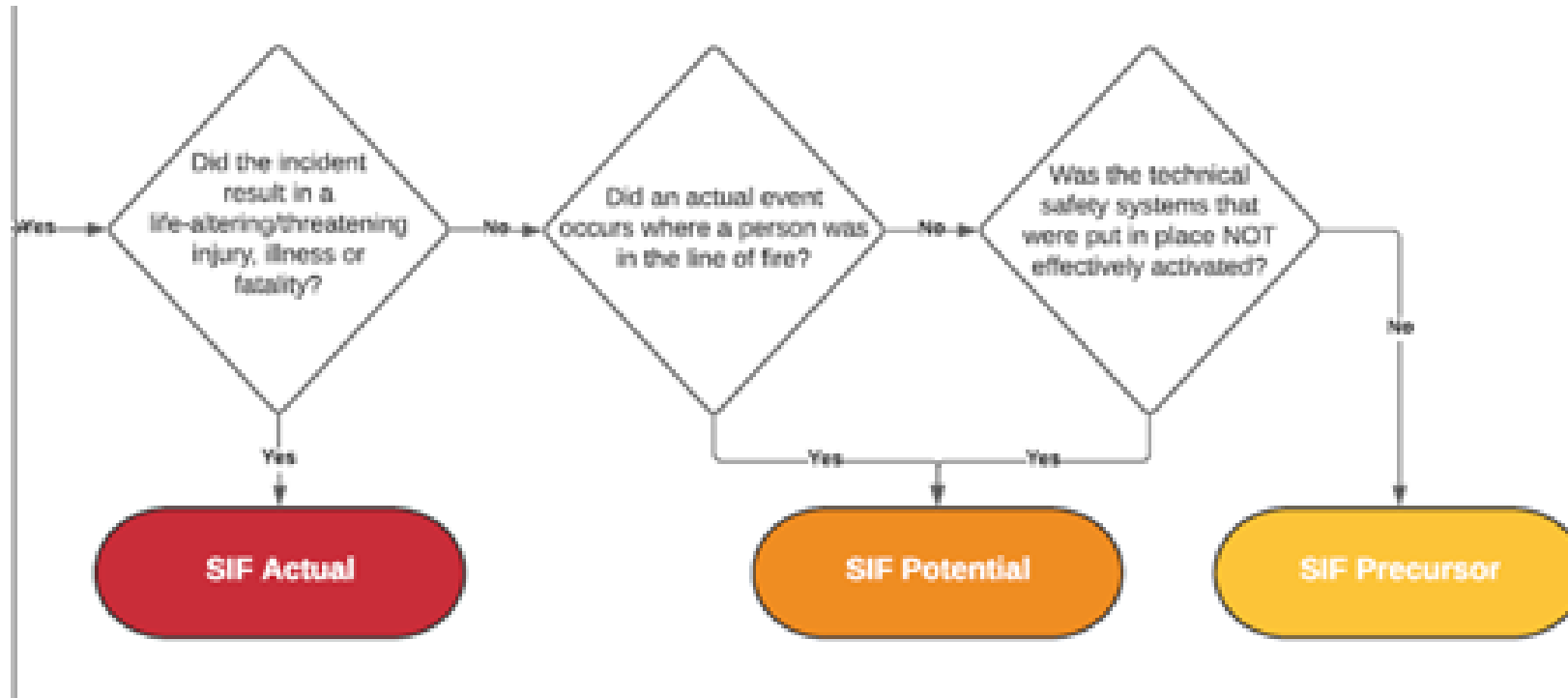


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Life Saving “Golden Rules”

The 6 Life Saving Golden Rules are based on statistical SIF analysis from the past incidents:

- 1) SAM & LOTOTO:** I will always verify proper isolation of hazardous energy by performing LOTOTO or SAM before accessing equipment and/or working on live equipment
- 2) Hazardous Substances:** I will always handle hazardous substances only if I understand the hazards and implement the control measures defined to mitigate the risks
- 3) Working at Heights:** I will always use the proper fall protection equipment while working at heights



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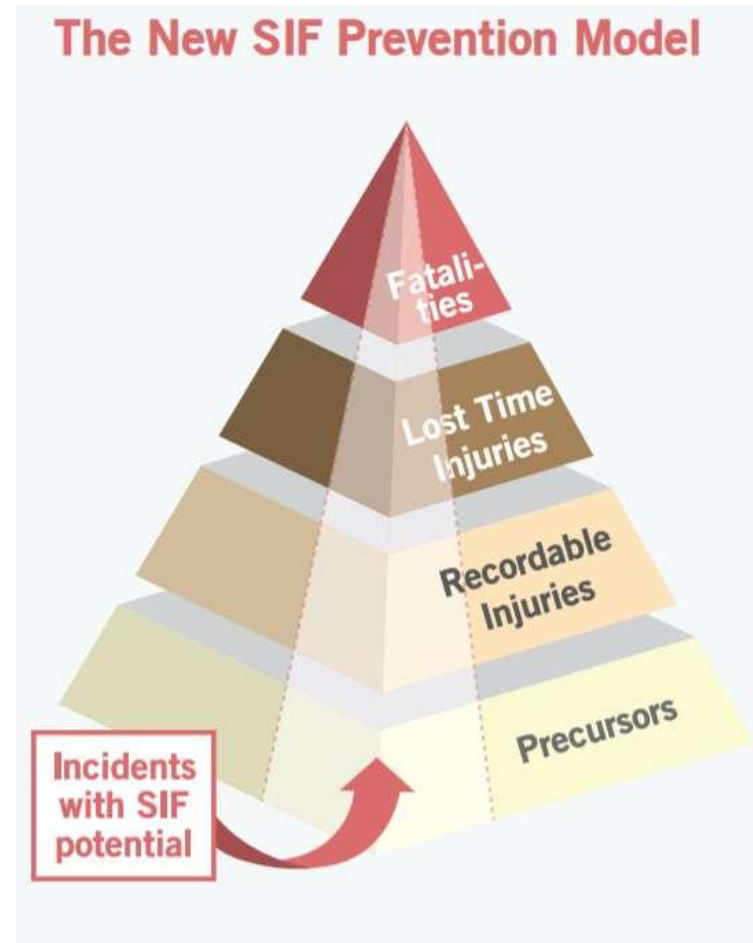
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- 4) **Electricity:** I will always work on electricity only if I am qualified, understand the hazards and implement the control measures defined to mitigate the risks
- 5) **Work Permit:** I will always work with a validated Work Permit for high risk tasks and ensure all Front Line Team Members mitigate the risks by applying the requirements of the Work Permit
- 6) **Vehicles:** I will always keep to the minimal safety distance between vehicles and/or pedestrian



HOP & SIF

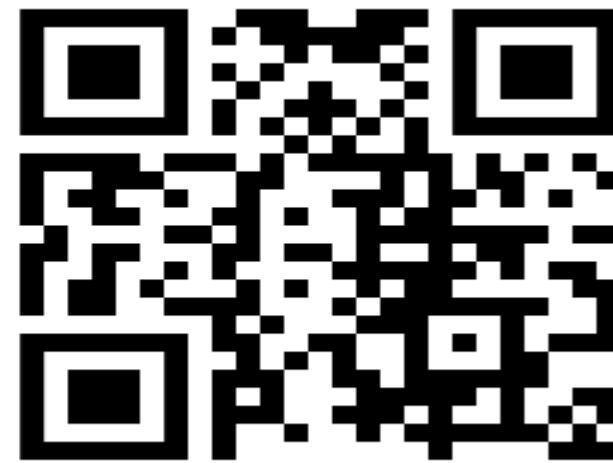
- Identify SIF or SIF Potential interactions (tasks, jobs, etc.)
- Utilize HOP risk assessment approach to identify circumstances where these interactions occur
- Implement controls based upon results of the risk assessment



Resources

- TapRoot – [HOP Practical Guide](#)
- National Safety Council – [SIF](#)
- [Energy Based Safety](#) – Matthew Howe, SafetyFunction





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