

# 10 VITAL RULES FOR LIFT PROFESSIONALS



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<b>Vital Rule 1</b> <b>PPE</b>	<b>ALWAYS</b> Wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
<b>Vital Rule 2</b> <b>FALL PROTECTION</b>	<b>ALWAYS</b> ensure that effective fall protection is in place when working in the machine room, on the landing or on the top of the car or platform
<b>Vital Rule 3</b> <b>LOCK OUT TAG OUT</b>	<b>ALWAYS</b> control electrical energy by lock out and tag out the equipment when power is not required
<b>Vital Rule 4</b> <b>MECHANICAL ENERGY</b>	<b>ALWAYS</b> control mechanical energy when working on rotating and moving equipment
<b>Vital Rule 5</b> <b>TOP OF CAR / PIT ACCESS</b>	<b>ALWAYS</b> keep the control of the car when accessing/egressing the hoistway, working on the top of the car or in the pit
<b>Vital Rule 6</b> <b>WORKING IN SHAFT</b>	<b>ALWAYS</b> keep the body within the vicinity of the car and keep the control of any potential adjacent units in service
<b>Vital Rule 7</b> <b>RE-ROPING</b>	<b>ALWAYS</b> secure the car and the counterweight by 2 independent means when changing the ropes or working on the suspension system.
<b>Vital Rule 8</b> <b>LIFTING AND RIGGING</b>	<b>ALWAYS</b> follow safe lifting and rigging practices, use adequate capacity equipment and protect against sharp edges
<b>Vital Rule 9</b> <b>PLATFORM &amp; SCAFFOLD</b>	<b>ALWAYS</b> follow safe working practices when installing and/or working on temporary platform or scaffold
<b>Vital Rule 10</b> <b>SHUNT</b>	<b>ALWAYS</b> use shunt (shorting wires) only when no alternative exists and only use authorized shunt and NEVER leave site without removing all of them

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