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NEAR MISSES



The only difference between a near miss and an accident is luck. Most accidents occur when an unsafe action coincides with an unsafe condition. Accidents often follow a near miss when the unsafe acts or conditions haven't been corrected. The result is an injury. When working in a safety-conscious workplace, it is important make a near miss a big deal.

GUIDE FOR DISCUSSION

- Near misses are “injuries without people”.
- Near misses are not funny; they could be deadly next time.
- Always report a near miss.
- Take immediate action to prevent a similar near miss.
- If you did not cause a near miss but saw it, discuss it with those involved and your supervisor.
- Obey safety rules and you will decrease the number of near misses around you.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION NOTES

- Describe the Safety Committee's near-miss reporting procedures.
- It is the Safety Committee's responsibility to investigate near-miss accidents and make corrective recommendations to management.
- Describe state-mandated requirements.

REMEMBER

Near misses are warnings that something or someone is not performing the job correctly. Always pay attention to near misses. Don't let near misses repeat themselves or you may find yourself or a co-worker being treated for an injury that could have been avoided.

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