

NEAR MISSES

Near Misses are leading indicators in the workplace that must be identified and investigated to reduce overall incidents.

- Near miss incidents are situations that did not result in personal injury or property damage but had the potential to do so.
- To get to the root cause of a near miss incident, they must be treated with the same attention to detail as if the event actually occurred.
- If near misses are identified and corrected, future incidents may be prevented.
- Near misses are an inexpensive opportunity to make changes in the workplace before something more severe occurs.
- For near miss reporting to be effective, there must be a system in place to collect the data, initiate proper root cause analysis, institute corrective action and follow-up to make sure corrective actions were effective.
- Near miss reporting must not be punished in order to gain employee participation.

A near miss is an accident waiting to happen!

