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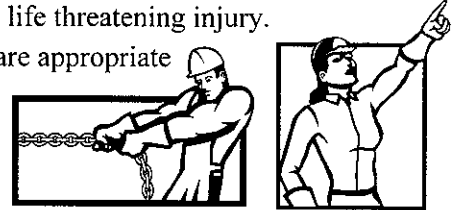
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Topic 120: Near Misses

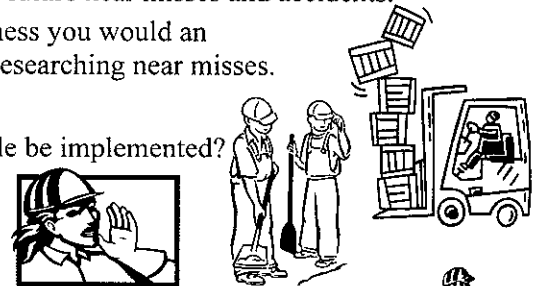
Introduction: Near miss is the term used when you have a “close call”, “dodge a bullet”, or nearly have an injury producing accident. If you always work around the edge of good safety practices the law of averages proves that sooner or later you will have an accident. Near misses are an indication that something has gone dramatically wrong. By taking corrective action, appropriate changes can be implemented before a worker sustains a serious or life threatening injury.

Near Misses on the Job – Near misses on the job can occur at any time. Following, are appropriate steps to ensure near misses will not become future “direct hits!”

- Correct the near miss hazard immediately. Do not procrastinate.
- Report the near miss to management. It is vital that management is aware of not only accidents but also unsafe conditions and near misses.
- Discuss the near miss with personnel that have the potential to encounter the same hazard. Educate and train personnel as to how to safely handle the potential hazard and avoid all future near misses and accidents.
- Document and handle all near misses in the same manner and seriousness you would an actual accident. The following questions should come to mind when researching near misses.



- What were the circumstances surrounding the near miss?
- Is there a safety rule covering the situation or should a new rule be implemented?
- Was the worker properly instructed in the rule?
- Were safety devices used properly?
- Are there external factors that account for the near miss?
- Is the worker a “repeat offender” and does he/she frequently have near misses and accidents?



Near Misses on the Road – Near misses on the roadways are to be taken seriously and are indications of dangerous driving techniques.

- Learn from your mistakes. Do not take near misses lightly. Internalize the mistake and reduce the chance of repeating the error and perhaps causing an accident.
- Take corrective action. Examine your eyesight and night-vision to ensure that your depth perception is accurate.
- Stay alert and pay attention to what you are doing, avoid daydreaming, road conditions, and distractions.
- Report mechanical problems and unsafe vehicle conditions to management immediately.



Conclusion: Every near miss is a caution sign. Your health and safety must be priority #1 while working. Take the time to evaluate and correct each near miss and save yourself and others the chance of future accident and injury.

Work Site Review

Specific Work-Site Hazards and Safety Suggestions: _____

Material Safety Data Sheets Reviewed: _____ (Name of Chemical)

Employee Signatures: _____
(My signature attests and verifies my understanding of and agreement to comply with, all company safety policies and regulations, and that I have not suffered, experienced, or sustained any recent job-related injury or illness.)

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Foreman/Supervisor's Signature: _____

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