

# Accident & Near Miss Reporting

## What is a near miss?

“A near miss is an unplanned event that did not result in an injury, damage to property or the environment, but had the potential to do so. Given a slight shift in time, position, damage or injury could have occurred.

It's estimated we suffer one injury for every fifty near misses reported.

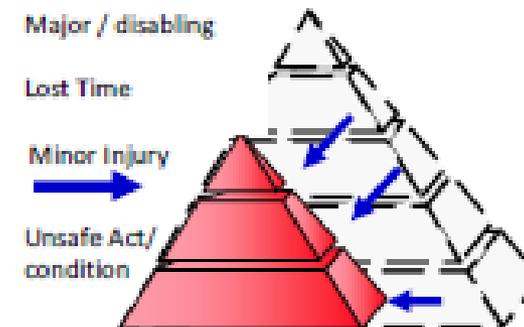
## Why should we report near misses?

- Near misses are a **warning** that something is not working and enables us to learn lessons before a serious incident or accident occurs.
- It enables companies to proactively resolve hazards before a tragic or costly incident occurs.
- It increases safety ownership and reinforces workforce self-esteem.
- It engages the workforce (all workers at all levels) in solving problems.
- It exposes valuable information that otherwise may not be discussed.
- It helps develop a positive and necessary attitude surrounding safety.
- Near miss reporting helps management find trends and failings within our systems and process and introduce effective control measures.
- By reporting near misses and learning from them, everyone will benefit from working in a safer environment.
- Identifying, reporting and investigating near misses is a key element to finding and controlling risks before workers are injured.

## Did you Know...

Workplaces where employees are involved in taking decisions about health and safety are safer and healthier. Collaboration with your employees helps you to manage health and safety in a practical way by:

- Helping you spot workplace risks
- Making sure health and safety controls are practical
- Increasing the level of commitment to working in a safe and healthy way
- Providing you with feedback on the effectiveness of your health and safety arrangements and control measures
- You must consult all your employees, in good time, on health and safety matters.



## The Accident Triangle

Learning from near misses reduces the base of the triangle.

This reduces the chance of reaching the serious accidents at the top of the triangle.

Q: What is a near miss?

Q: Can you name three reasons why we should report near misses?

Q: How can you report a near miss on this site?