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RISK REMINDER

Everyone Can Prevent Accidents

Many on-the-job injuries are preceded by incidents or near misses. A “near miss” is an unplanned event that has the potential for injury. In an effective loss control program, “near misses” cannot be ignored and must be treated as accidents with followup investigation.

Just as in an accident, an incident has a cause. It may be a physical condition in the work area, it could be an error in judgment, or due to improper training of employees.

All incidents should be thoroughly investigated, until an exact cause is identified, along with recommendations for eliminating the possibility of a reoccurrence of the incident.

SOME QUESTIONS THAT SHOULD BE ASKED REGARDING INCIDENTS:

- WAS THERE A PHYSICAL DEFICIENCY IN THE WORK AREA THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE INCIDENT, SUCH AS IMPROPER LIGHTING, UNEVEN FLOOR SURFACE OR POORLY MAINTAINED EQUIPMENT?
- WERE THE EMPLOYEES PROPERLY TRAINED?
- DID THE WORKER USE THE RIGHT PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT?
- WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PREVENT A REOCCURRENCE OF THE “NEAR MISS”?

By the proper documentation and investigation of incidents, you can greatly reduce the number of accidents occurring in the workplace. You don’t need to wait for a serious injury or accident in order to analyze what changes need to be made in working conditions or safety practices.

Learn from the incident, and use the “near miss” as an opportunity to find and eliminate causes of problems that could result in serious injuries or property losses.



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