

NORSTEEL SAFETY SENTINEL

PROMOTING A SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT

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INCIDENT REPORTING & NEAR MISSES

INCIDENTS THAT REQUIRE AN INVESTIGATION

- Serious injury to a worker or a worker's death
- Injury requiring medical treatment
- Minor injury, or no injury, but had the potential for causing serious injury
- Major structural failure or collapse
- Major release of hazardous substances
- Dangerous incident involving explosive material
- Blasting incident causing personal injury

THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING INCIDENT REPORTS



Reporting is important for present issues as well as potential future ones. You may feel that reporting an incident and filling out the necessary paperwork is a hassle, but it could be what needs to be done to fix the hazardous condition that caused the incident.

When injuries occur while you are working, it brings awareness to the people in charge as well. They can take note of hazardous conditions that need to be addressed. That may mean bringing it to other people's attention so that no one else gets hurt, or to resolve a problem.

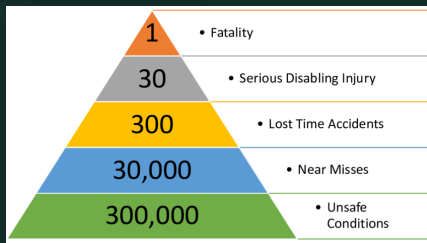


WHY REPORT A NEAR MISS?

Many people don't know why near-miss incidents should be reported. You weren't actually hurt, so why should you make a report? Near-miss incidents are a learning experience. Just because it nearly missed you, doesn't mean it will for the next employee. The right measures can be made to eliminate the hazard so it doesn't happen again. You can also bring it to the team's attention so injuries don't actually occur. An incident occurring is often what it takes to make everyone take a situation seriously.

REPORT TO A SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE OR SUPERVISOR

No matter how minor you feel the situation is, report the injury when one occurs. It is important for people other than just yourself. Make the right person aware of the situation and have the injury looked at.



Studies show that for every serious injury, there are 10 lost-time accidents, 30 property damage incidents and 600 incidents with no visible injury or damage. These are known as 'near misses.' The ratio of near misses to serious injury is expressed above as a pyramid. If you reduce the size of the base of the pyramid by eliminating the near misses you reduce the number of injuries at the top.

REMINDER

OFFICE IS CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 21st AND RE-OPENS JANUARY 6th.

Merry Christmas!