TOOLBOX TALK

JOBSITE HAZARD

Near Miss

Safety is the responsibility of everyone on the jobsite. Self-awareness and planning go a long way, but what do you do in the case of a near miss? Since these incidents do not involve injuries, many workers may be reluctant to report or track them but if it happened once, it can happen again with serious consequences.

Near misses and "close calls" should be warning signs to everyone that a dangerous situation is lurking. That is why you and your safety team should use this time to review the incident, find the root of the problem, and create a solution that prevents it from happening in the future. When a near miss occurs, here are a few things to remember when reviewing the incident:

Find the Cause of the incident

- Are safety devices not working? Are workers ignoring the safety devices or warnings? Find the root cause to find the proper solutions

Implement Safety Devices or Engineering Controls

- Identify the proper safety devices or environmental controls to change the way workers think and act when repeating the incident. The best way to solve the problem is to eliminate it completely

Review New Safety Measures with Others

- Share the near miss with others and review the new safety measures to prevent it moving forward. Once implemented, be sure to confirm new measures are working and not creating additional hazards

While near misses aren't safety violations, they are very likely to turn into one. Reviewing them with your workers and implementing new measures not only keep people safe, they ensure people stay safe.

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Take Home Point:

Near misses are not reported on your OSHA logs, but could be an accident waiting to happen. Treat them as a warning and utilize the time to find a solution to ensure the safety of others.

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Safety Leader: _____

Crew Members:

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