

## There is always opportunity for improving safety practices

One of the challenges in today's workplace is accident prevention. Companies are constantly working to find methods to keep their employees safe. One of the best ways is to anticipate what can happen and take proactive steps to avoid it.

Anticipation is a key factor in accident prevention. In order to take all possible safety precautions, it is important to anticipate what could possibly happen.

### Near-miss accidents involve unsafe practices

Even though near-miss accidents don't involve injury, they do involve unsafe practices. By studying these incidents, we are able to anticipate what possibly could happen, and then implement practices to prevent the scenarios from becoming reality.

### Near-miss accidents facts

- For every incident resulting in an injury, there are multiple injury-free accidents of a similar nature.
- Studies have shown that for most injuries, there were more than 300 opportunities to rectify the issue before it resulted in a lost-time accident.
- There is opportunity for improvement even when an occurrence doesn't result in an accident.
- Each time a no-injury accident occurs, we are offered the chance to study it and rectify the problem before it results in a lost-time accident.

### And accident prevention saves money and lives

Even in instances where nobody is injured, it's important to prevent future occurrences because accidents can cause:

- An increase in production costs
- Personal injury

## Investigate even accidents – even those where no injuries are involved

Regardless of whether an incident involves injuries or not, it is crucial that all accidents be reported and thoroughly investigated.



### Investigate all accidents

Investigating non-injury accidents allows us to identify any unsafe practices that are being followed. This will allow us to put new safe procedures into place before someone is hurt.

### Report all accidents

Employees must report all incidents to their immediate supervisors, even when there are no injuries involved.

Taking this first step enables us to stop the near-miss accidents before they become injuries.

By reporting and studying incidents, we will be able to better anticipate and prevent accidents.

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