



Near Misses

Don't Rely on Luck

A “near miss” is an unplanned event that did not result in injury, illness, or damage - but had the potential to do so.

If you experience or witness a near miss, make sure you notify your supervisor or take the appropriate action so that the incident doesn't happen again. You or someone else might not be so lucky the next time!



Near Miss Examples



Tripping over a cord on the floor, but re-gaining balance before falling to the ground.



A falling object narrowly misses hitting another person.



A piece of equipment short circuits when plugged into the wall, but does not shock the individual.



An experiment goes wrong, causing a chemical explosion. Luckily, no one was near the explosion when it happened.

