

Near Miss Reporting

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

Statistics tell us that for every 300 near misses there are 29 minor injuries and one serious injury (Heinrich's Theory). If you reduce the number of near misses, probability will then reduce the number of injuries that happen.

The same things that cause accidents cause Near Misses:

- Unsafe acts, such as improper lifting; walking under an overhead load; cutting, grinding, or chipping without safety glasses; not using proper Personal Protective Equipment, etc.
- Unsafe conditions, such as poorly maintained equipment, oil or grease on floors, welding leads that have been laid in walkways, trash and boxes that have been left in hallways, etc.
- Hurrying and taking risks to get a project done faster, or to wrap up a job at quitting time.

Report Near Misses Before They Become Accidents:

- Once a near miss occurs, report it immediately to your supervisor and enter it in Memorials Incident Management System www.mun.ca/MIMS or through the MUN Safe App.

Letting a near miss go unreported provides an opportunity for a serious accident to occur. Correcting these actions or conditions will enhance the safety of your workplace and provide a better working environment for everyone involved.

Don't let yourself or co-workers become statistics-report near misses to your supervisor.

Prevent An Accident That's About To Happen!