



A NEAR MISS TODAY COULD BE AN INJURY TOMORROW

We often hear about incidents which resulted in colleagues being injured at work, and the corrective actions taken to prevent the incidents from reoccurring. But what about incidents where someone was almost injured?

Some people may brush off and forget about these near misses as no-one was hurt, but reporting these incidents is the first step to helping prevent similar – or more serious – incidents from happening in the future. Read on to **understand** why near miss reporting is important and why you should report all near misses.

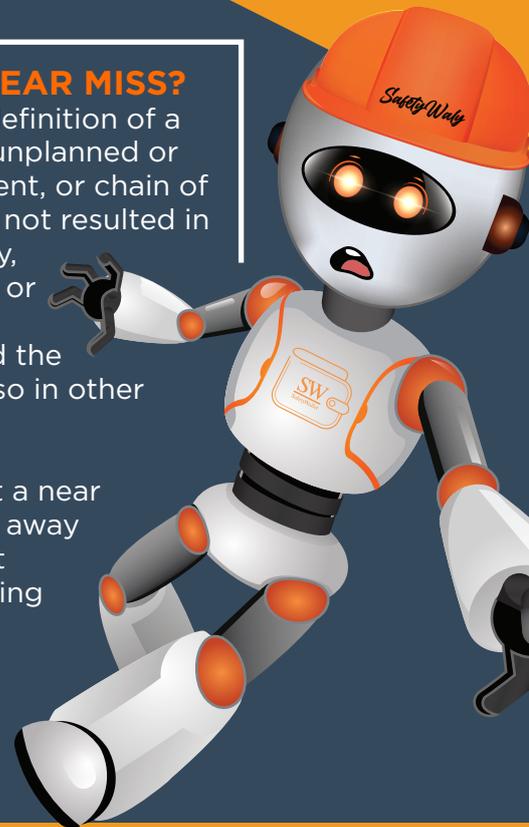
NEAR MISSES

1. **Slips and Falls:** A trip occurs when a worker attempts to walk through packaging materials dispersed across the floor. - No Injury, this time
2. **Risky behaviour:** Skipping Stairs on the ascent or jumping off a platform instead of using the stairs or ramp. No injury - this time
3. **Narrow Escapes:** A worker's clothing gets caught in moving parts of machinery. No injury - this time

WHAT IS A NEAR MISS?

SafetyWallet's definition of a near miss is an unplanned or uncontrolled event, or chain of events, that has not resulted in recordable injury, illness, physical or environmental damage but had the potential to do so in other circumstances.

That means that a near miss is one step away from an incident actually happening and potentially injuring you or your colleague!



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PREVENT FUTURE INCIDENTS

Reporting a near miss is the first step to preventing incidents from happening in the future.

Your local SHE representative will track near misses, investigate how and why they occurred, and take corrective action.

This will help create a safer workplace for all employees.

HOW TO REPORT

If you are working at a Client, you can use the Client's reporting system, however, please also notify your SafetyWallet supervisor so we can learn lessons internally as well.

If you are working at a SafetyWallet site, please use the local system to report near misses or the Near miss response card. If the cards or a system to report near misses are not in place then please contact your local SHE representative and info@safetywallet.co.za or contact@makrosafe.co.za

IMPROVED SAFETY CULTURE

Increased near miss reporting will help create a culture that doesn't wait until someone is injured, but identifies the risk before it happens.

Near miss reports enable early intervention, and are great opportunities to reduce the likelihood of workplace injuries and improve organisational safety performance.

Learning from what could have happened far outweighs learning from what did happen.

ENGAGEMENT

Encourage your team to report all near misses

Discuss how these near misses and incidents could have been prevented and identify ideas for improvement

Overcome potential barriers to making those improvements

Share your thoughts, lessons learned or feedback with us by emailing: info@safetywallet.co.za or contact@makrosafe.co.za

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