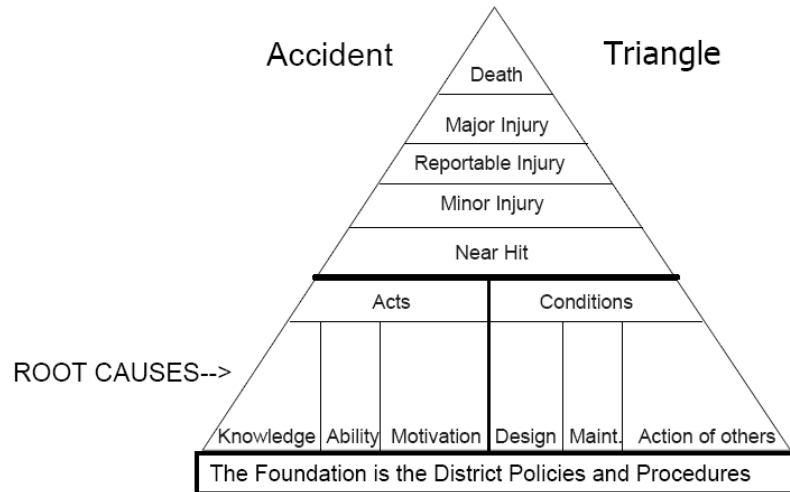


# NEAR MISS REPORTING

## What Is A Near Miss?

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

The difference between a near miss and a full blown incident is often a fraction of a second or a fraction of an inch that may not be there the next time.



Near misses are warnings of accidents in the making. By

accepting these warnings and looking for their causes, we can prevent these situations recurring.

## A RULE OF THUMB REGARDING INJURIES...

For every 100 near hits, there is a minor injury.  
For every 100 minor injuries, there is a reportable injury.  
For every 100 reportable injuries, there is a major injury.  
For every 100 major injuries, there is a fatality.

- Prevention and elimination of accidents can only be realized by reporting the near misses as they occur. If near misses are not reported, then no incident investigations will be carried out and none of the problems and warnings will be spotted. As a result, any lessons learned found cannot be communicated to others, who will therefore still be "at risk."
- A near miss can be considered as an indication that something is wrong
- It is important that everyone is "warned" by each near miss that occurs so that standards can be improved.
- Ignoring the near misses and the conditions that lead to them is an open invitation for an accident to occur.
- Do not shrug off the near misses because nothing happened, let's find out why they happened and propose improvements to ensure that they do not happen again. This can only be done with your help, by you reporting them to your supervisor as they occur.

**NEAR MISSES SHOULD BE REGARDED THE SAME AS BAD ACCIDENTS. LET'S ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS WHILE WE STILL HAVE THE CHANCE.**