



Near Misses

What are Near Misses?

- An undesired event, which under slightly different circumstances, could have resulted in harm to people, and/or property damage, and/or business disruption.
- An event that narrowly missed causing injury or damage.
- An incident where, given a slight shift in time or distance, injury, ill-health, or damage easily could have occurred, but did not this time around.

IT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENED....IT'S WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED!



Example of Unsafe Condition Near Miss

While walking, a worker trips over an extension cord that lies across the floor. The worker avoids a fall by grabbing the corner of a desk. This event constitutes a near miss because injuries ranging from a bruise to broken bone could have occurred. The extension cord creates an unsafe condition in the workplace.

Example of Unsafe Act Near Miss

Instead of using a step-stool, an employee stands on a box to reach a higher shelf, loses balance and stumbles to the ground. Although the employee is shaken, there is no injury. This event constitutes a near miss because serious injuries could have been sustained by the employee and this act could have potentially caused damage to property.



IN KAUST, ALL HIGH-POTENTIAL NEAR MISSES MUST BE REPORTED AND INVESTIGATED.

Here's Why

- It helps prevent future incidents and injuries.
- It helps organizations reduce the costs associated with workplace incidents, such as medical expenses, time lost due to injury, accident investigation costs, and equipment replacement costs.
- It improves the safety culture.

How to report a Near Miss

Report Near Misses as soon as possible, but not later than within 24 hours of it occurring using the online ReportIt system.

<https://reportit.kaust.edu.sa>



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