



# May Safety Talk

## Near Miss – That was a Close Call

**A “Near Miss” is an event that did not cause an injury or illness but, under other circumstances, could have.**

Example: An employee trips over an extension cord lying across the floor but avoids a fall by grabbing the corner of a desk.

### How to react to a “Near Miss”

- Acknowledge the near miss. Don't ignore the fact that the situation could have ended much worse.
- Notify other workers the near miss occurred so they to can be aware and prevent accidents.
- Talk with management to develop corrective actions that should be taken in order to prevent similar accidents in the future making the workplace safer.
- Always report near misses before an accident actually happens and someone gets hurt. You should never be penalized for reporting near misses.



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