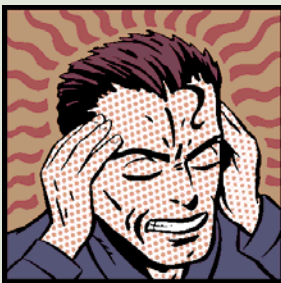


WHY DO I CARE ABOUT NEAR MISSES?

Self-Preservation

A near miss is an opportunity to resolve a problem without any negative consequences like injury or property damage. Even if you are not involved in the near miss, that does not mean that you will not be involved if an accident occurs. Protect yourself from injury by reporting all near misses.



A Clear Conscience

If you see a near miss but fail to report it, and a co-worker is hurt, you will likely feel terrible. By reporting the near miss, you could have prevented the injury. Keep your conscience clear by reporting all near misses.

Legal Ramifications

If you witness a near miss, fail to report it, another worker is injured, and it is proved that you saw the hazard but did not report it, you can be charged with a willful violation under OSHA.

A willful violation is defined by OSHA as “either an intentional violation of the [Occupation Safety and Health Act of 1970] or plain indifference to its requirements. Failure to report a witnessed near miss is regarded as plain indifference to OSHA. Willful violations carry with them steep fines up to \$10,000, and even potential jail time.



Ensure no legal action will be taken against you by reporting all near misses.