



Accident Reporting Investigation

- All accidents should be reported within 24 hours.
- Use the accident reporting form in every case.
- “Near-Miss” and “Report Only” accidents should also be reported **prior to leaving the work site.**
- Document all accident facts and witness statements.
- Use specific details about any injuries involved.
- Search for accident causes and possible correction method.
- Never place blame or fault in accidents – determine how to prevent in future.
- Investigate all recordable injuries as soon as possible.

5 Steps to Accident Investigation

- Determine all possible causes: Brainstorming, interviews, witness reports, pictures, re-enactments, inspection of injury area.
- Determine all possible solutions and corrective measures.
- Determine the root cause(s).
- Identify the most feasible corrective measures.
- Establish corrective action and determine who will be accountable to complete.

Who Should Investigate Injuries?

- Direct supervisor
- Managers
- Safety professional

Remember...

- Always investigate at the injury site — as soon as possible after the injury.
- Search for the truth.
- Have forms, witness statements, cameras, etc., available during an investigation.
- Document all findings.
- Accuracy and thoroughness help speed claims processing and reduce costs.
- The goal of injury reporting is to be accurate, complete and prompt.
- The goal of accident investigation is to determine the cause of injury and correct it.

