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"YOU CAN LEARN FROM NEAR-ACCIDENTS"

Close calls or near-accidents on the job should be converted into safety precautions. A near-accident is an indication that something is wrong. It's a warning.



How can we turn a close call into a positive safety experience? First we have to think safety and become concerned over near-accidents. Then correct the situation or remove the hazard that caused the near-accident. If you can't handle it, report it to your supervisor. All near-accidents should be reported. There's at least one good lesson to be learned from every near-accident, and in many cases more than one lesson.

Safety awareness is always important. It's a case of preparing yourself mentally to act in a safe manner and to recognize a close call as a warning. When a stack of boxes tips over - or the handle on a tool snaps - or a ladder slips - you should get the message and then do something about it.



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