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## **Near Miss Reporting**

As all of you know, an accident can happen anyplace, anytime, and most occur when we thought that we had prepared for everything. In today's working industry, many tools have been implemented to provide all workers the opportunity to control the work environment around himself/herself in order to keep safety at the top of everyone's list. These tools include the LAW, WPSEA's, observations, and **near miss reporting forms**.



The near miss reporting forms are a very important source of data for the HSE department to use to bring hazardous conditions to the attention of everyone within the company as well as sharing the information with other contractors and GIS customers. A near miss may go undocumented many times due to the fact that nothing happened and no one was hurt. The causes of near misses could be attributed to human error, mechanical malfunction, adverse weather conditions, or hazards not addressed in the initial job analysis. No matter what caused the near miss, others can only benefit from the information. Someone could be preparing to do a similar job in the future and could use the knowledge to protect his/her own health. The most important factor in near miss reporting is immediately notifying your supervisor so that proper documentation can be turned in. Reporting a near miss does not reflect badly on you and does not lessen your value to the company, but simply reinforces the fact that you care for your fellow workers and care enough to share what you have learned.

As a testament to the fact that GIS, first and foremost, cares for its workforce, near miss reporting is another element, which proves that point. The knowledge that you share could help prevent an injury or even save a life.

Report all incidents immediately to the GIS Hotline 1-855-543-5163.