

## **CAPACITARTE** Es ser líder de tu vida





## **Accident Vs. Incidents**

Near miss reporting is a piece of a strong safety culture. It is a way to get an organization talking about safety in general. With regard to incidence and near hits and near misses there are some differences in the safety field.

**Incident**: An unplanned, undesired event that hinders completion of a task and may cause injury, illness, or property damage or some combination of all three in varying degrees from minor to catastrophic. Unplanned and undesired do not mean unable to prevent. Unplanned and undesired also do not mean unable to prepare for Crisis planning is how we prepare for serious incidents that occur that require response for mitigation.

**Near Miss**: A subset of incidents that could have resulted in injury, illness or property damage, if given a different set of circumstances, but didn't. Near misses are also known as 'close calls.' Perhaps the better term to consider is 'near hit.'

**Accident**: Definition is often similar to incident, but supports the mindset that it could not have been prevented. An accident is the opposite of the fundamental intentions of a safety program, which is to find hazards, fix hazard, and prevent incidents. When we accept that accidents have no cause, we assume that they will happen again.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> http://safety.blr.com/workplace-safety-news/safety-administration/workplaceaccidents/11zll01-Incident-vs.-Accident-Whats-the-Difference/