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CLOSE CALL ACCIDENTS

You have all brushed elbows with close-call accidents. They are by far the most frequent and also the most ignored of all accident groups, yet controlling them is the secret to accident reduction.

The number of close-call accidents is shocking! In the USA alone, it has been estimated that nearly 3 billion occur annually. So let's face it, the odds of your personal involvement with a close-call type accident in the near future are high and remember, there's also the chance that the next close-call accident just might be the one that doesn't miss!

Your response to a close-call type accident should be fast and informative -- first take steps to prevent immediate recurrence, then make sure that everyone else on the jobsite knows what, why and how it happened and what steps have been taken to prevent future recurrences.

Statistics reveal that there is a direct relationship between various types of accidents. One well known accident ratio theory explains that for every 300 close-call type accidents that you prevent, 30 non-serious and one very serious accident will never happen. That's the secret that can increase your chances of living to a ripe old age.

Surprisingly enough, some experts believe that poor or no safety training may be responsible for as high as 96% of all accidents. To be effective at accident prevention, you must take safety seriously and continually improve your knowledge of safety. You can't afford the alternative!