



Loss Control Best Practice

Line of Business: All

Subject: Safety Management – Accident Investigations

Purpose:

The purpose of this best practice is to provide resources to assist with the development of an effective accident investigation program.

Accident investigations are a cornerstone of any safety management program. A strong business case exists for any organization to conduct accident investigations. Below are the primary drivers for an effective accident investigation program:

- To identify how and why an accident occurred
- To prevent repeat occurrences or occurrences that are more severe in nature and ultimately to reduce direct and indirect accident costs.
- To drive the development of corrective procedures, policies, controls and training.
- To better focus management on safety.
- To properly document accident facts and corrective actions for potential legal reasons.

Resources and References:

Click on the link below or cut and paste into your web browser.

Several of these websites are geared towards employee incident / accident investigation. However, most of the principles presented will directly apply in both non-employee and auto accident investigations.

Accident/Incident Investigation - OSHA

https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/safetyhealth/mod4_tools_acc_inves_tools.html

Accident/Incident/Near Miss Investigation – Nonprofit Risk Management Center

<http://www.nonprofitrisk.org/tools/workplace-safety/public-sector/concepts/acc-in-nm-ps.htm>

Accident Reporting, Investigation and Analysis – Nonprofit Risk Management Center

<http://www.nonprofitrisk.org/tools/workplace-safety/public-sector/concepts/smpl-manual-ps.htm>

Accident Investigation Form—1 – Nonprofit Risk Management Center

<http://www.nonprofitrisk.org/tools/workplace-safety/public-sector/concepts/smpl-acc1-ps.htm>

Accident Investigation Form—2 – Nonprofit Risk Management Center

<http://www.nonprofitrisk.org/tools/workplace-safety/public-sector/concepts/smpl-acc2-ps.htm>

Accident Investigation Form – 3 – Nonprofit Risk Management Center

<http://www.nonprofitrisk.org/tools/workplace-safety/public-sector/concepts/smpl-acc3-ps.htm>

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