

Good morning!

As you read in Bob's email last week, today is the start of OSHA's Safe + Sound week campaign. Per OSHA's website, **Safe + Sound Week** is a nationwide event held each August that recognizes the successes of workplace health and safety programs and offers information and ideas on how to keep America's workers safe.

This week we want to not only call your attention to potential near miss issues in your workplace, but we also want you to report them. Just as a reminder – near misses are “almost accidents”. These are situations where an accident or injury almost happened or could have happened but didn't. It's important for us to document these issues because they help us develop a proactive approach rather than a reactive approach to safety. We want to eliminate as much potential for injury as possible.

If you aren't quite sure what constitutes a near miss, here's an example of a report we received earlier this year.

Describe what happened.: *It was noticed that a Maintenance Staff member was driving around with various hand tools on the passenger floorboard. If a vehicle accident occurs, those loose tools will become projectiles to cause further injury to the employee.*

How could this have been avoided?: *Not traveling with loose tools in the cab of a truck.*

This is considered a training opportunity. The safety committee recommendation for this report would be to ask park supervisors to remind their staff to secure their tools to keep them from being projectiles in the event of an accident.

So, please, look around your work environment and let us know if you find any near miss issues. While we will use the information submitted for training purposes, we do not “call out” those who report and there aren't any negative consequences for those who report. We want YOU to report.

The near miss report can be located here <https://forms.office.com/g/8Dscp6KJFp>

