



Not on my Watch!

Internal CPD Presentation



6 Accident vs incident

Let us spend some time considering what we mean by an accident and an incident as they are different.

Accident is clearly defined in health and safety terms. It is different to an incident. This is how we define an incident. *(Read from slide)*

In amongst incidents we must also include near misses. They are harder to recognise but they are every bit as significant and must be recognised as such and acted upon. It is easy to dismiss a near miss as being of no consequence. Nobody wants to be seen to be making a fuss over something that did not happen.

Discussion point

- How would you define a near miss?
- How do you think a near miss should be handled to turn it into a positive learning experience?

By way of example, Skylar's mum is walking towards you when you are on an outing. She has not been allowed to see Skylar for three months; you quickly take the children in another direction (near miss).

Alternatively, Skylar's mum spots her, she demands to be allowed to speak to her daughter. Skylar begins to cry, her mother becomes aggressive with Skylar's key person who is trying to stand between her and her child.

It's easy to see how today's near miss can become tomorrow's incident. A series of near misses or minor incidents can also come together to create what can only be described as a perfect storm.

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Accident - an unforeseen, unplanned and unavoidable event (HSE definition)

Incident - an event that should have been seen (risk assessed), planned for (risk managed), and consequently avoided, or has minimal impact.



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Appendix 3: Walking route risk assessment

The proposed route must be walked prior to being used with children, and this risk assessment form completed.

Date checked:		<i>(Re-check on the day of your outing for new or unexpected hazards e.g. roadworks)</i>
Length of route and time required:	Describe the route <i>(e.g. Stoke Way, to junction with Weston Road, turn right towards High Street)</i>	
Are there pavements along the whole route that are wide enough for children and adults holding hands? Are there any additional hazards? <i>Such as pot holes, high kerbs, trees?</i>		
Will you have to cross any road with the children?	Yes/No	
Where and how will you cross roads <i>(if app)</i> <i>(e.g. half way along Weston Road)</i> ; and why it is safe to cross <i>(e.g. clear view or Zebra crossing)</i>		
Crossing place 1:		
Crossing place 2:		
Crossing place 3:		