Near-Miss Program

A "near miss", "close call", or "nearly a collision" is an unplanned event that has the potential to cause, but does not actually result in human injury, environmental or equipment damage, or an interruption to normal operation.

The first step to creating a near-miss program is to create a policy with procedures to follow. Below are some great tips to help you get started-

Promote a culture of reporting.

Educate workers about why near-miss reporting is important.

Make it easy to understand.

Continue education throughout the year.

Use the reports as a leading indicator.

Reinforce workers that near-miss reporting is non-punishable.

Provide incentives.

Talk about the success and value of the near-miss reporting process.

Near-miss reporting and investigation identify and control safety or health hazards before they cause a more serious incident.