

Accident Investigation – Appendix A: Definitions

Accident - an unforeseen and unplanned event or circumstance

Authority - power to influence or command thought, opinion, or behavior

Bloodborne - blood or other potentially infectious material, typically internal body fluids, other body fluids containing visible blood, or unpreserved human tissue.

Catastrophe - a momentous tragic event ranging from extreme misfortune to utter ruin

Cause - something that brings about an effect or a result

Compensation – award to someone as a recompense for loss, injury, or suffering

Confidential - containing information whose unauthorized disclosure could be prejudicial

Corrective – designed to correct or counteract something harmful or undesirable

Determine - to fix conclusively or authoritatively

EH&S - Environmental Health and Safety

Eliminate - to remove from consideration

Exposure - the condition of being unprotected

Fatality - the quality or state of causing death or destruction

Fault - responsibility for wrongdoing or failure

Hazard - a source of danger

Hospitalization – formal admission to the in-patient service of a hospital or clinic for care or treatment

Illness - an unhealthy condition of body or mind

Incident - an occurrence of an action or situation

Injury - hurt, damage, or loss sustained

Investigation - to observe or study by close examination and systematic inquiry

Lost Time - total number of working hours or days that are *lost* because of injury

Near-miss - a miss close enough that may cause damage

OAR - Oregon Administrative Rule

Occupational - relating to a job or profession

Occurrence - the action or fact of happening

OPIM - other potentially infectious material

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Prevent - to keep from happening

Reoccurrence – to happen again, but not always repeatedly

Responsible - able to answer for one's conduct and obligations

Supervisor - an administrative officer in charge of a unit or operation

Violation – an action that breaks or acts against something, especially a law, agreement

Work-Related - event or exposure in the work environment either caused or contributed to the resulting condition