

## 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