

Root Cause Investigation Form

Dig deep to get to the cause. ID#_

Complete to uncover the root cause of incidents and accidents. Review the possible corrective actions and add your own plan.

Yes?	# Section Description	n	A
Par	t 1 – Equipment was a co	ontributing factor.	7
- If Yes, co	mplete this entire section for Pa	art 1.	
	Cause	Possible corrective actions	Your plan
1.1	Defect in equipment, tools, material contributed to hazardous conditions.	Review procedures to inspect, report, maintain, repair, replace, & recall defective equipment.	
1.2	Hazardous condition was recognized but not	 Train employees & stress individual accountability. 	
	reported.	 Review job procedures for hazard recognition and avoidance. 	
1.3	Inspection procedure not in place to detect hazardous	 Develop & adopt procedure to detect hazardous conditions. 	
	conditions.	 Conduct tests regularly. 	
1.4	Existing inspection procedure did not detect hazardous conditions.	Review, improve procedures.	
1.5	The incorrect equipment, tool or material was used.	Specify correct equipment, tool or material in job procedures.	
1.6	Correct equipment, tool or material not readily	 Provide correct equipment, tools, or material. 	
		 Review purchasing specs, procedures. 	
1.7	Employees didn't know where to obtain	 Review procedures for storage, access, delivery or distribution. 	
	equipment, tools or material required for the job.	 Review job procedures for obtaining equipment, tools and material. 	
1.8	Substitute, incorrect equipment, tools,	 Provide correct procedures, equipment & material. 	
	materials used.	Warn against substitutions.	

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1.9	Equipment/tool design created operator stress or encouraged error.	Alter equipment/tools to conform with human capabilities & limitations.	
1.1	 General equipment/tool design contributed to hazardous condition. 	Review & improve criteria in codes, standards, specs & regulations.	
1.1	Lack of personal protective equipment (PPE) or emergency equipment.	 Review methods to specify PPE requirements. 	
1.1	2 Appropriate PPE for task for was NOT specified.	Review methods to specify PPE requirements.	
1.1	3 PPE used improperly when injury occurred.	 Determine why and take appropriate actions. Implement procedures to monitor and enforce use of PPE. 	
1.1	4 PPE inadequate for job performed.	Review PPE requirements, standards, specs & certifications.	
1.1	5 PPE emergency equipment not specified (showers, eyewash fountains, etc.).	Specify & provide required emergency equipment.Install emergency equipment.	

Yes? # Section Description

Part 2 – Environment was a contributing factor.

- If Yes, complete this entire section for Part 2.			
	Cause	Possible corrective actions	Your plan
2.1	Location of equipment, material or employees were contributing factor.	 Perform job safety analysis & review, improve procedures. Change equipment layout, employee position. Provide guardrails, barricades, signals, etc. 	
2.2	Hazard wasn't recognized.	 Train employee in observation & risk assessment. Add safety signage. 	



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2.3	Employee was NOT supposed to be in the vicinity of the equipment or material.	 Review job procedures and instructions. Provide guardrails, barricades, signals or etc. 	
2.4	Hazard created by location of equipment or material, impeding employee visibility.	 Change lighting or layout to increase visibility of equipment. Provide guardrails, barricades, signals, training, etc. 	
2.5	The workspace was insufficient.	Review workspace requirements & modify requirements.	
2.6	Conditions contributed to incident (lighting, noise, vibration, air contamination, etc.)	 Monitor environmental conditions as required. Check results against acceptable levels. Initiate action for those found unacceptable. 	

Yes? # Section Description

Part 3 – Procedure was a contributing factor.

- If Yes, complete this entire section for Part 3.				
	Cause	Possible corrective actions	Your plan	
3.1	There isn't a written or known procedure for job.	Perform job safety analysis & develop job procedures.		
3.2	Procedures poorly written or incomplete.	Perform job safety analysis & improve procedures.		
3.3	Tasks difficult to perform (excessive concentration, physical demands, etc.)	Perform job safety analysis & change design & procedures.		
3.4	Job structure encouraged or required deviation from procedures (piecework,	Perform job safety analysis & change design & procedures.		



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Par	t 4 – People were a contr	ibuting factor.	
- If Yes, con	nplete this entire section for Part 4. Cause	Possible corrective actions	Your plan
4.1	Affected employees NOT mentally / physically capable of performing job	 Review employee requirements for job, improve selection. Remove or transfer employees incapable of performing job (mentally or physically). 	
4.2	Supervisor / worker failed to detect, anticipate or report hazardous conditions.	 Improve supervisor's capability in hazard recognition & reporting procedures. Provide hazard recognition training for workers & encourage to report. 	
4.3	Supervisor failed to detect & correct deviations from job	 Review job safety analysis & job procedures. Correct deviations. 	
4.4	Supervisor / worker failed to review hazards & procedures for infrequent tasks.	Establish procedure requiring review of hazards & procedures for infrequent tasks.	
4.5	Supervisor responsibility inadequately defined or understood.	 Define & communicate responsibility & accountability. Test for understandability & acceptance. 	
4.6	Supervisor NOT adequately trained to fulfill assigned responsibility in accident prevention.	Train supervisor in accident prevention fundamentals.	
4.7	Hazards identified, but supervisor / worker failed to initiate corrective actions.	 Review management safety policies & risk acceptance level. Establish severity & probability of recurrence priorities. Encourage hazard recognition & reporting via employee engagement strategies. 	

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