

Take control

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Unspecified mechanisms of injury

Unidentified types of accidents >

This information bulletin was produced to assist in the prevention of workplace injury and disease. By identifying causes, and assessing and controlling risks, employers and workers can take control of their own health and safety in the workplace.

Areas in the workplace which could indicate there is a risk of such occurrences happening

It is not possible to give a simple selection of indicators.

Occurrences have been classified as 'unidentified' because the occurrences have had no clearly identifiable cause.

Examples of what can be done to stop such occurrences from happening

Employers should, for example, make sure that:

- thorough accident investigations and safety audits are carried out to identify existing and potential causes of future occurrences;
- accident investigations address all aspects of the occurrence, for example: the job or task, the work environment, the tools and equipment used, the training and supervision methods used;
- training for supervisors and employees in hazard identification, risk assessment and risk control is carried out;
- occupational health and safety policies and procedures for accident investigation are developed in consultation with workers;
- occurring incidents including 'near misses' are reported within the workplace, and that a standard incident report form is used; and
- employees are involved in identifying the tasks and equipment which are creating problems.

To find out more

The [Workplace Health and Safety Act](#) and the [Workplace Health and Safety Regulations](#) outline the minimum standards and the process to manage occupational health and safety in your workplace.

[Australian Standards](#) are available from the Territory Construction Association, phone 8922 9666. Australian Standards can be viewed online by visiting the Northern Territory Library, Parliament House, phone 8999 7177.

Further information applicable to this topic:

[Safety Management, A Guide](#)

[A Guide to First Aid in the Workplace](#)

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