

Talk No: 48	Title: ACCIDENT PROCEDURES
<p>Introduction: Whilst the emphasis should be on prevention, the maintenance industry is a high-risk business, and there is always the possibility of an accident. It is important that all know what to do in such circumstances.</p>	
<p>Main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All accidents, and near misses, should be reported. - Everyone must know who the appointed persons/first-aiders are. - Everyone should know the best means of contacting the emergency services. <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Know the name and contact procedures for the appointed person/first aider, and the location of the first aid kit. - If you are going to be working away, in a small group etc, consider a small first aid kit to take with you. - Know the basic rules if you have to deal with a casualty: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Remove hazard from casualty if safe to do so. o Call for help (first aider if possible). o Send someone to phone for an ambulance if necessary. o Do not move the casualty unless he is in immediate danger. o Make the casualty as comfortable as possible and remain with him providing reassurance. o Don't give food or drink to the casualty – moisten lips if necessary. o Do not allow casualty to smoke. - Consider what you know about first aid - do you know: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o How to resuscitate and start the heart? o How to stop major bleeding? o How to treat burns scolds and shock? <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">These comprise basic first aid procedures that can save a life both at home and at work. If you don't know them you may wish to consider first aid training.</p> - Accidents and near misses should be investigated to establish the cause, and to enable the implementation of procedures etc. to prevent recurrence. <p style="text-align: center;">AFTER AN ACCIDENT, THE QUESTION SHOULD BE “WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE TO PREVENT IT?” – ACTION SHOULD THEN BE TAKEN TO PREVENT RECURRENCE</p>	
<p>Notes:</p>	