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# **SAFETY BULLETIN**

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## **What is a Near Miss?**

### **BACKGROUND:**

The use of the terms 'near miss' and 'near hit' within LU has led to people believing that they are two different things. They are in fact the same thing. For clarification, the official LU term is 'near miss' as per LU Standard 1-556 Incident Reporting and Investigation.

A near miss is a type of incident which could have caused harm, loss or damage, but did not on this occasion.

The LU Category 1 Standard Incident Reporting and Investigation defines a near miss as: 'An unplanned or undesired event, that under slightly different circumstances, could have resulted in harm to people, damage to property, damage to the environment or loss or service/process'. (Link [http://onespace.tfl.gov.uk/lu/\\_cms/CMSLibrary/S1/1-556.pdf](http://onespace.tfl.gov.uk/lu/_cms/CMSLibrary/S1/1-556.pdf))

### **Examples of near misses include:**

- Tools/material falling from a scaffold without causing damage or harm.
- Uncontrolled movement of plant/vehicles that do not hit anything.
- Tripping on a trailing cable but not being injured.
- Nearly falling into an unguarded excavation.

Each near miss is a warning that something isn't right and we've been fortunate, this time. We've been given a chance to take action to stop it happening again and avoid harm, loss or damage.

### **For each near miss:**

- Action must be taken to address the causes of the near miss.
- APD & CPD: The near miss must be reported via the Incident Line on 0844 292 0292
- COO teams: An eIRF should be used to report the near miss.

### **ACTION:**

**Please communicate this bulletin to your team, projects and suppliers.**

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