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1. **Procedure:**

- Supervisor to collect factual data relating to the occurrence of work injury and help to develop a statistical data base.
- Collect data for completion of report to the W.S.I.B. to provide complete information on which to have a decision for payment.
- Complete the Supervisor Investigation portions of the online report.
- Investigate and take corrective action on an incident.
- Ensure that corrective action is taken to eliminate recognized causative factors.
- Employee to assist in performing an effective investigation, especially in the case of a serious or critical injury.

2. **Definitions:**

1) Types of Results

- a) First Aid Injury An injury of such minor nature that treatment can be carried out by First-aider.
- b) Near Miss An incident caused by an unsafe act, an unsafe condition or a combination of both in the work environment which could have resulted in property loss and/or physical harm.
- c) Lost Time Injury A work-related injury, which results in lost time from work, beyond the day of the injury
- d) Medical Aid Injury A work related incident, which requires medical treatment but does not result in time lost from work.
- e) Modified Work A re-assignment of duties to employees who are injured on the job after the injured employees are medically able to perform essential duties of their preinjury employments or are medically able to perform suitable or modified work.

2) Types of Incident/Definitions of Codes

- a) Struck or Contact By is one in which a person has been contacted both abruptly and forcefully by some object in motion (eg. Box falls off shelf, employee jabs needle into finger, person pushing cart runs into another person); or has been contacted nonforcefully by some substance or agent which has an injury - upon-contact characteristic (eg. Employee is splashed by hot or corrosive solution).
- b) Struck against/contact with -is one in which a person contacts either abruptly and forcefully, some object in his surroundings (eg. Employee strikes leg against desk; person bumps head against cupboard door): or comes into contact non-forcefully with some substance or agent capable of producing injury on the basis of mere non-forceful

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contact (eg. Electrical shock, hot pipe, employee places hand in scalding or corrosive fluid).

- c) Caught in, on or between is one in which:
 - a person is trapped in some type of enclosure, or a part of a person's body is caught fast in some type of opening. Eg. A person is caught in an elevator, locked into a refrigerated room, shut into some type of vessel such as a boiler,
 - a person or some part of his clothing is caught on some protruding object, e.g. person catches hand on a sharp edge, catches loose clothing on a revolving spindle or on some protruding object;
 - a person is pinched, crushed or otherwise caught between either a moving object and a stationary object or between two or more moving objects, eg. Person jams fingers between wheeled cart and doorway, person catches arm in elevator door, jammed between loaded moving cart and a wall.
- d) Slips, Trips & Falls –can be subdivided into two categories falls from the same level (eg. floor) and falls from heights or "above floor level". A slip or a trip should also be recorded under this category. A foot level fall occurs when a person slips or trips, eg. A person slips on foreign matter on floor. A fall from heights occurs when a person falls to below the level on which he/she was standing or walking, eg. A person falls from a ladder, window, chair or on stairs.
- e) Over-exertion/strain- is one in which a person put excessive strain on some part of his body. Eg. Employee strains his/her back or some other part of their body, eg. An employee strains back or shoulder lifting equipment, supplies, etc.
- f) Exposure An exposure incident is one in which the employee is exposed to harmful conditions; eg.:
 - toxic gases, fumes or vapors
 - extremes of heat or cold
 - radioactive radiation
 - intense light brightness
 - contagious conditions
 - oxygen deficient atmospheres
- g) Violent Incident Physical assault causing bodily harm. See definition OHS Act S. 1 (1). Example of violent incident is where the person is capable of understanding that the action, he/she made is wrong and the person intended to injure staff person.
 - i. Aggression Physical assault causing or not causing bodily harm where the

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aggressor is a special needs student acting out. Examples of behaviors are: hitting, kicking, biting, scratching, shouting and swearing.

Or

Incidents where there is no intent to cause harm. Examples of behaviors are: accidental contact with staff during a seizure or spasm.

- ii. Repetitive body movement
- iii. Traumatic Event Catastrophic event directly related to the workplace.
- 3) Root Cause This identifies the primary or underlying cause or condition for an incident/accident.
 - Immediate cause: eg. Was not wearing protective glasses while working on a saw.
 - Root cause: eg. Worker was not wearing protective glasses because he did not receive training in personal protective equipment.
- 4) Reporting forms can be found on the following link:

 <u>CDSBEO Incident Reporting Tool (onlineincidentreporting.ca)</u>