

Good and bad examples of reporting accidents to OARS site at UW EH&S

Example of good, introspective report with concrete changes that will be made in the lab to prevent it in the future.

<p>Incident Details:</p> <p>Myself and another student were working in the fume hood in b33. The other student left an uncapped needle attached to a schlenk line unattended and I poked the side of my hand with the needle. After the needle stick, I removed my gloves and inspected the area but couldn't tell if the needle punctured my skin or not. Before returning to work, I ran water over my hand for 10 minutes to flush the area. I confirmed that the needle was clean when the other student returned to the fume hood.</p> <p>Attachment:No</p>	
<p>Supervisor's Comments</p> <p>Root Causes: (Please look at all the factors that may have contributed to the accident. Such factors may include equipment, environment, policies, procedures, and personnel.) This accident occurred as a result of one student leaving a needle uncapped and attached to a Schlenk line in a common space fume hood.</p> <p>Recommendations/Preventive Measures: We have reminded all group members of the importance of following EH&S recommendations with respect to needle handling, including keeping them capped when not in active use, how to safely re-cap (if their reuse is absolutely required), as well as proper needle disposal processes. We will update our Schlenk line SOP to include this information.</p>	
<p>Corrective Actions Target Date (yyyy/mm/dd): 2019/05/07</p>	<p>Corrective Actions Complete Date (yyyy/mm/dd): 2019/05/07</p>

Examples of poor, vague reasons that an accident occurred and how it will be prevented in the future.

<p>"No preventative measures necessary – just an accident"</p> <p>"Not sure what could have been done to prevent this."</p> <p>"Again, this was an isolated incident, so no real recommendations are required."</p> <p>"It is hard to make people change their behavior."</p> <p>"Be more careful, use more care."</p> <p>"I (Supervisor) did not observe the incident."</p> <p>"Be more aware and don't rush."</p> <p>"Employee did not know."</p> <p>"No change in procedures recommended."</p> <p>"Be more aware of your surroundings."</p> <p>"In the future, we will investigate more thoroughly."</p> <p>"Not sure what could have been done to prevent this."</p>	<p>"Inattention."</p> <p>"None or unknown."</p> <p>"Be safe always."</p> <p>"Purely an accident."</p> <p>"Try to stay focused."</p> <p>"Possible age related."</p> <p>"Rushing, in a hurry."</p> <p>"Pay closer attention."</p>
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