



NEAR MISSES

"Foul ball," the umpire shouts, as a hard-hit liner lands in the left field stands.

The season is only a few weeks old. And Jeff Hardy, a long-ball hitter, is having trouble keeping his drives in fair territory. The players in the opposing dugout are really riding him.

"So they call you Home-Run Hardy?"

"No extra bases on foul balls, Jeff."

"Hey, Hardy! A miss is as good as a mile."

Today, the boys on the other team are having a good time. But they know that with drives coming that close to the foul pole, it is just a matter of time before Hardy finds the range.

In accident prevention, too, a lot of near misses mean a sure hit sooner or later. That is why safety conscious people keep a close check on minor accidents and near misses. They know that a fraction of a second or a few thousandths of an inch may be all there is between a close call and a serious accident.

When a worker has a close call, people usually say, "Well, he was lucky that time." That also means: He may not be lucky next time.

Near misses should be investigated as thoroughly as real accidents. What were the circumstances surrounding the near miss? Is there a safety rule covering the situation? If so, was the worker properly instructed in the rule? If not, is a new rule needed? Were safety devices used properly? What does the worker have to say about the near miss? Are there some personal factors that may account for the slip? Is the man a "repeater" - does he frequently have near misses and accidents?

How can you prevent lapses of safety consciousness? Brush up on safe practices. Follow safety rules. Accept the notion that every near miss is a caution sign.

Unlike the ballplayer sliding into second base, you are never "safe by a mile."

Near misses are important danger signals. They are symptoms of unsafe acts or unsafe conditions. Pay attention to them to prevent more serious mishaps.

IN ACCIDENT PREVENTION ...A MISS IS *NOT* AS GOOD AS A MILE.

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