



NSC Webinars

Preventability Means What!?!

How do I determine it?

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Preventability

- What are the factors involved?
 - Proper pre-employment evaluation
 - Proper pre-operational training to meet the industry standard
 - Proper safety training
 - Proper Investigation Process
 - Proper evaluation and determination of an event's preventability



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- The definition when a motor vehicle event or mishap occurs as provided by the National Safety Council, Inc.

A **preventable collision** is “one in which the driver fails to do everything reasonable to avoid it”.



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– Proper Investigation Process

- What does the Road Supervisor currently do within your company when there is an motor vehicle event?
 - What investigative training has this Road Supervisor received?
 - What tools are available to this Road Supervisor to complete the investigation?
- How are the facts of the incident gathered?
- How are the facts memorialized and distributed?



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- Proper evaluation and determination of an event's preventability
 - The Safety Director or Loss Control Director
 - The Incident Review Committee
 - Upper Management
 - The employee



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Looking at the evidence presented through the reports:

1. Authorized
2. Trained
3. Recently had DDC
4. Traffic Laws
5. Conditions
6. Actions



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- With all the information collected now the Review Team member needs to:
 1. Digest the information
 2. Process the information
 3. Make the determination



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1. Digest the information

- Evaluate the information for accuracy
- Accept or reject facts as deemed appropriate (remember that some facts may not be germane to the incident and can cloud the process)
- Carefully review all the information/facts remaining and process



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2. Process the information

- How does the information prove the incident occurred?
- What peripheral factors need to be used?
- Did the employee meet the basic requirements of preventability?



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3. Make the determination

- Bring to the table your conclusion
- Present your basis for this conclusion



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- The Review Team now needs to present the final document
- The Safety Director or Responsible Director needs to properly inform the employee of the determination
- Are there any questions?