

SAFETY BULLETIN No.3 of 2019

NEAR MISS REPORTING: WHY IT MATTERS

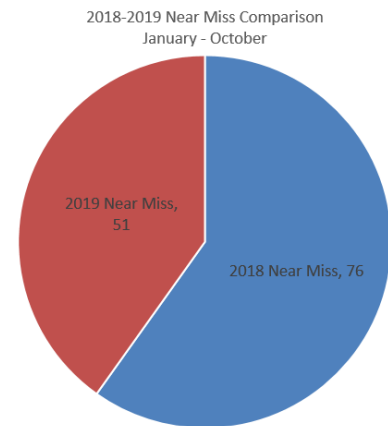
Recording when accidents or incidents are narrowly avoided on the river helps prevent the risk of actual harm or injury. They also help foster a 24/7 safety culture on the river.

Unfortunately, our analysis shows that since 2018 reports of near misses on the river has declined by **49 per cent**.

It's a trend that, in the interests of all river users, the PLA is determined to reverse.

Aside from protecting human life, near miss reporting also saves money - medical expenses, compensation payments, time lost due to injury, as well as the cost of investigation and replacing equipment.

Used effectively, near miss reporting has a direct bearing on how we control hazards – leading to a reduction in incidents.



This triangle shows the clear relationship between near misses and incidents.

Preventing occurrences at the bottom of the triangle will reduce overall numbers at the top.

This begins with the reporting of near misses – a proactive rather than reactive approach towards incident prevention.

Please report all near misses you observe or are involved with via our [website](#).

Thank-you

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