

**YOU
WILL NOT
FIND THE
DEFINITION
OF
“carelessness”**

**In a
Safety
Dictionary**



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Whenever an accident happens, using the word “carelessness” to explain why it occurred is the lazy way out. It doesn’t mean anything.

It does not explain what went wrong.
The word is of no help to the supervisor trying to prevent a repeat accident.

Furthermore, it’s a buck-passing word.
“Carelessness” doesn’t place the blame where it belongs.

In analyzing the human factors that might have caused an accident, keep these guidelines in mind - and don’t use the umbrella word “carelessness”.

Someone involved in an accident probably:

Didn’t follow instructions.

Didn’t follow rules and regulations.

Didn’t use safe work methods.

Didn’t pay any attention to what they were doing or to the equipment they were operating.

Didn’t wear protective equipment.

Didn’t think ahead or plan ahead.

Didn’t know their own physical limitations.

Didn’t have the necessary skills.

Didn’t know the limit of strength of the materials being used.

Didn’t use the tools or equipment properly.

Didn’t anticipate safety or health requirements.

Didn’t look.

Didn’t have a good safety attitude.