

### **Definitions of Safety Events**

#### **Personal Injuries**

Events that involve any type of personal injury to employees whilst undertaking their duties, or non-employees who are injured whilst on Service premises, or through the actions of Service employees whilst undertaking their duties.

#### **Dangerous Occurrences**

These are event types that are specified under health and safety legislation (RIDDOR 1995) and must be reported to the Health and Safety Executive Office. Although there are many, these are some of the more common types that fire service personnel may encounter:

- The collapse of, overturning or failure of any load bearing part of lifting equipment such as forklift truck or mobile powered platform.
- An unintentional incident in which plant or equipment either comes into contact with an un-insulated over head electric line exceeding 200 volts or, causes an electrical discharge from such a electric line by coming into close proximity to it.
- Failure of a breathing apparatus set whilst in use or during testing directly prior to use if the failure would have posed a danger to the health and safety of the wearer.
- Collapse of a scaffold platform more than 5m in height

#### **Vehicle Events**

These are events that result in damage to any vehicle or property as a result of a vehicle collision. This can occur when the vehicle is in motion or when stationary if it is involved in a collision with another vehicle. Vehicle events must be reported when any vehicle is being used by employees to conduct service business, regardless of whether the vehicle is service or privately owned.

#### **Critical Equipment Failures**

Critical equipment is defined as equipment that:

- Provides personal protection
- Provides an alternative means of access and egress into hazardous environments
- Is used to aid in the extraction of persons or animals in distress
- Is used for Fire fighting purposes, e.g. hose and extinguishers.
- Emergency response vehicles
- Mobilising equipment

The definition of failure for the purpose of reporting is when one of the following conditions occurs, whether during operations, training or testing prior to use, that resulted or could have resulted in an increased risk to users or others:

- The breakdown of the equipment or components of the equipment that result in a partial or complete failure.
- Operational equipment that becomes unavailable for use due to systems failure, human error or due to the failure of associated equipment.

#### **Near Misses**

Near Misses are defined as events that have occurred that had the potential to cause harm or damage to property.