

When do I need to make a report ?

If there is an accident or incident connected with work your employer must notify RIDDOR (or an the enforcing authority) without delay (eg by telephone) and ensure that a completed accident report form (F2508) or report of a disease (F2508A) has been sent within TEN DAYS.

Reportable dangerous occurrences are

- When something happens which does not result in a reportable injury, but which clearly could have done, it may be a dangerous occurrence which must be reported immediately (eg by telephone) to the enforcing authority.
- unconsciousness caused by asphyxia or exposure to a harmful substance or biological agent
- acute illness requiring medical treatment, or loss of consciousness arising from absorption of any substance by inhalation, ingestion or through the skin
- acute illness requiring medical treatment where there is reason to believe that this resulted from exposure to a biological agent or its toxins or infected material
- collapse, overturning or failure of load-bearing parts of lifts and lifting equipment
- explosion, collapse or bursting of any closed vessel or associated pipework
- failure of any freight container in any of its load-bearing parts
- plant or equipment coming into contact with overhead power lines
- electrical short circuit or overload causing fire or explosion
- any unintentional explosion, misfire, failure of demolition to cause the intended collapse, projection of material beyond a site boundary, injury caused by an explosion
- accidental release of a biological agent likely to cause severe human illness
- failure of industrial radiography or irradiation equipment to de-energise or return to its safe position after the intended exposure period

- malfunction of breathing apparatus while in use or during testing immediately before use
- failure or endangering of diving equipment, the trapping of a diver, an explosion near a diver, or an uncontrolled ascent
- collapse or partial collapse of a scaffold over five metres high, or erected near water where there could be a risk of drowning after a fall
- unintended collision of a train with any vehicle
- dangerous occurrence at a well (other than a water well)
- dangerous occurrence at a pipeline
- failure of any load-bearing fairground equipment, or derailment or unintended collision of cars or trains
- a road tanker carrying a dangerous substance overturns, suffers serious damage, catches fire or the substance is released
- a dangerous substance being conveyed by road is involved in a fire or released
- unintended collapse of: any building or structure under construction, alteration or demolition where over five tonnes of material falls; a wall or floor in a place of work; any false-work
- explosion or fire causing suspension of normal work for over 24 hours
- sudden, uncontrolled release in a building of:
 - * 100 kg or more of a flammable liquid;
 - * 10 kg or more of a flammable liquid above its boiling point; or
 - * 10 kg or more of a flammable gas; or
 - * 500 kg of these substances if the release is in the open air
- accidental release of any substance which may damage health.