

‘It *Could* Happen To You’

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What is 'It Could Happen To You'?

- A database that offers you an opportunity to share lessons learned from accidents that ***almost*** happened, or ***could have*** happened, as well as those that ***did*** occur.
 - Allows you to expand awareness of the smaller hazards and risks that we confront every day, both on and off the job.
 - Allows other employees to learn from your personal experience, or something that happened to someone else.



Why Use the Database?

- Help someone avoid a painful experience.
- Identify hazards coworkers may not see.
- Prepare others to deal with similar events.
- Teach the lessons you've learned.
- Stories in the database are:
 - Interesting to read!
 - Excellent 'Safety Moment' topics!
 - Good ideas for safety meeting topics!
 - Database is a place to share your information on close calls and mishaps, and what you learned from them!
- *Close Calls and Mishaps must still be reported on NASA Form 1627, "Mishap Report".*



How Does It Work?

- Use a computer on the MSFC intranet.
- Go to the *Inside Marshall* web page <http://inside.msfc.nasa.gov>.
- Click on the *Safety, Health and Environmental* (SHE) link.
- On the SHE web page, click on *File A Report, Ask A Question, or Voice A Concern*.
- On the pop-up menu, click on *It Could Happen To You*.
- When the database opens, choose to:
 - *Enter A New Story*, or
 - *View Stories Entered By Others*
- Stories entered by others are sorted into subject categories.
- To enter your story, put the cursor in each box and begin typing.
- Giving your name and contact information is *voluntary*.



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Who To Call	File a Report, Ask a Question, or Voice a Concern	Bulletins, Announcements, & Newsletters	Ergonomics, Personal Protective Equipment, & Available Services	Training, Mishaps, Close Calls, & Information
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- MSFC has attained... without a lost-t...
- Building Manager Rescheduled!
- Depression is a Dangerous Issue... Safety ... [READ](#)
- Near Miss in M... Lot ... [READ](#)
- MSFC at M... 
- Conduct Safety Commission Recalls for April ... [READ MORE](#)
- [SEARCH](#)

Report a Mishap or Close Call
Report Environmental, Facility, or Other Safety Hazards
Ask Dr. Know
Safety Concerns Reporting System (SCRS)
NASA Safety Reporting System (NSRS)
Safety Search
Submit a Safety Slogan
It Could Happen to You
I Got Caught Being Safe

Congratulations to the Newly Elected Officers for Marshall Safety & Health Action Team (MSAT)!!!



Center Director, Art Stephenson joined MSAT members at a recent meeting. Pictured left to right - Gary Hudson (Treasurer), Irene Taylor (Chairman), Glenn Owens (Deputy Chair), Linda Myszka (Secretary).



Policies, Documentation, & Procedures	MSFC Organizations, Initiatives, SSWP, & Programs	MSFC Committees	Other Related SHE Sites	Data Systems
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It Could Happen to You!



...At Work

TITLE:	Be Careful in the Parking Lots!
CATEGORY CODES:	Driving
STORY:	<p>Around April '99, just one month after purchasing my dream car, I was hit in the south parking lot of 4200. Being that I was driving a sports car, I knew I had limited areas for viewing cars that could be driving through the parking lot. I was parked in the very last row of the lot, and on either side of me was a truck. I could not see around the trucks, and I knew I should back out of my spot slowly and cautiously, since I had already seen many people speeding through the parking lot - especially the last row, since it was used as an exit from the lot to the east. I had checked both ways as far as I could see - which wasn't too far since my views were obstructed. Mind you, I had a new car and was already paranoid... I was pulling out very cautiously and very slowly. I thought I was doing the right thing. While looking in my rear view mirror, I saw a flash of white and heard a crash. A gentleman driving a government Ford F-150 Truck was not watching where he was going, and smashed right into me. Believe it or not, I was the one blamed for the accident!</p>
LESSON LEARNED:	<p>If anything, I learned not to park in the last row of the parking lot. Since my car had limited viewing space because of its body and style, it would be safer for me to park elsewhere - regardless of how far away I had to park, or how hard it was raining. If trucks or SUVs were to park on either side of me, I would not be able to see around enough to prevent this accident from happening again. I have since traded in my car for something that feels safer to drive, and has more viewing space. It should also be a lesson to everyone to watch where they are going in the parking lots. Also, watch your speed! If the gentleman had been going the designated speed, he would have had time to see me and to stop, or given me more time to see him.</p>



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...At Home

STORY:

On Saturday, 3/9/02, my wife was working on something on the computer at home and decided to eat her evening meal at the keyboard, so she got some roast beef in a dish and went back to the computer in the den. I was in the kitchen when I heard some noise and looked up to see her frantically coming in to the kitchen, pointing to her throat. I thought immediately that she must be choking and she was making some faint noise and trying to say that she was choking. I instinctively knew to perform the Heimlich Maneuver and she did also, because as I begin to open my arms to position myself, she turned her back into me so I could execute the maneuver. I wrapped my arms around her with both hands clinched below her rib cage above her navel and made two quick thrusts upward into her abdomen toward her ribs. The piece of beef was dislodged and she began breathing. After a "thank goodness that's over" hug, we talked about the incident. I asked her what she would have done had I not been there. We agreed that either the padded "shoulder" of the couch or the padded "shoulder" of the chair in the den provided an excellent location upon which one could apply upward pressure through the abdomen to the chest area without undue danger of additional injury. Even at that, when you are choking, that additional injury is moot. She said that as I did the thrusts, the beef did move out of her breathing passage, so I had performed the maneuver adequately.

**LESSON
LEARNED:**

1. Be careful when you eat and try to avoid choking. 2. If you choke, seek out assistance immediately, do not go to somewhere that you would be alone. 3. Use hand signals to show people that you are choking. 4. If you are alone, perform the Heimlich Maneuver on yourself using a sturdy piece of furniture. 5. Learn to perform the Heimlich Maneuver and learn the symptoms that choking victims exhibit. Never use the "back slap" method, which may even drive the particle further down the air passage. 6. Tell others in your family or social circle about the Heimlich Maneuver. 7. Pay attention in safety meetings or to safety minutes. I am sure that somewhere along the way I learned about this technique in such a forum and it may have saved my wife's life.



Think About It...

- If **you** didn't see the hazard...
- If **you** didn't know how to avoid it...
- If **you** learned an important lesson...
- Could it happen to a **friend or coworker**?

**DO YOU HAVE A STORY THAT YOU
COULD ADD TODAY???**

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