

## Safety Triangle



The consequences of safety incidents range from unsafe acts and near misses to serious injuries and fatalities. The number of incidents compared to their seriousness can be represented as a pyramid. The safety pyramid is also referred to as the accident pyramid, Heinrich's triangle, or Bird's triangle.

Companies can use the pyramid to estimate the relative safety of their work environment. If the unsafe acts and near misses are reported and tracked (which can only happen in a trusting workplace), the company can monitor the progress of its safety efforts.

Lesser events can be analyzed to weed out the variables that would otherwise combine in the future to cause injury and/or equipment damage.