

Loss of Consciousness

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If a work-related injury or illness results in loss of consciousness, you must record the work-related injury or illness, regardless of the length of time the employee remains unconscious. 29 C.F.R. § 1904.7(b)(6). Additionally, work-related cases involving a significant diagnosed injury or illness (such as cancer, chronic irreversible diseases, a fractured or cracked bone, or a punctured eardrum) must always be recorded under the general criteria at the time of diagnosis. OSHA considers these types of injuries or illnesses recordable even if medical treatment or work restrictions are not recommended or are postponed. 29 C.F.R. § 1904.7(b)(7).

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