



**Task 1:** Safety is very important in all walks of life, recording accidents or near-misses plays a key-role in prevention of accidents as it is a formal way of analysing what has happened.

Read the following newspaper cutting carefully and then with the information provided within the article complete the accident form on the following page.

# The Daily News

## ***Builder critical after canisters 'explode like missiles' on construction site***

Police today named a builder nearly killed by an explosion at a construction site.

Emergency services were called to the Moore industrial estate, in Welwyn Garden City, shortly after 3pm, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2008.



It is believed that James Anderson of Powis Road, Knebworth has had to have a leg amputated after sustaining 'extremely serious injuries' after a cylinder of Argonite exploded inside a building under construction. A colleague with Mr Anderson managed to avoid injury and is currently resting after the incident.

Mr Anderson was following correct procedures and was wearing safety equipment. John Smith, Group Commander of Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue, said 'the cylinders were being used as a fire suppressant in the building's computer room. Argonite gas can be released in the event of a fire. It's not inherently dangerous, but the cylinder yesterday was about 5ft to 6ft tall and made of steel and had apparently been knocked over while Mr Anderson was preparing the room for decoration, and released its gas under high pressure'

'The external structure is intact, but 50 per cent of the internal structure has been affected, walls are down, floors are up and walls knocked out, the cylinder had become missiles and fired around randomly.' He said: 'There is significant widespread damage. It was complete devastation.' A Hertfordshire Police spokesman confirmed that Mr Anderson had 'sustained serious injury' a couple of days before his 34th birthday in the incident.

Today the site remained closed for investigations and police and security staff were at the entrance, turning away any workers who arrived at the site. The building is being built by construction firm Jones Builders of Stevenage, but it has not confirmed who its client is.

A spokesman for the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) said: 'Because it involves work activities and there has been a injury resulting in a person losing a limb, there must be a joint investigation between ourselves and the police.' Mr Anderson is receiving treatment at the Queen Victoria Hospital in the town. His family are being supported by a trained officer.



## Report of an Accident, Dangerous Occurrence or Near Miss

Date of incident: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Time of incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of incident: \_\_\_\_\_

### Details of the person involved in incident:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Date off work (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Date returning to work \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of injury \_\_\_\_\_

Management of injury  First Aid only  Advised to see doctor

Sent to casualty  Admitted to hospital

### Account of accident, dangerous occurrences or near miss

(Continued on separate sheet if necessary)

### Witnesses to the incident

(Names, address and occupations)

Was the injured person wearing PPE? If yes, what PPE? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of person completing form \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### For the employer only

Complete this box if accident is reportable under Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR)

How was it reported? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date reported \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

