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The Occupational Health and Safety Act states in Section 51(2), that “where a person is killed or is critically injured at a work place, no person shall except for the purpose of saving life or relieving human suffering or preventing unnecessary damage to equipment or other property, interfere with, disturb, destroy, alter or carry away any wreckage, article or thing at the scene of, or connected to the occurrence, until permission so to do has been given by an inspector.

The Occupational Health & Safety Act also defines in regulation 851/90, “critical injury” as “an injury of a serious nature that,

- a) places life in jeopardy
- b) produces unconsciousness
- c) results in substantial loss of blood
- d) involves the fracture of a leg or arm but not a finger or toe
- e) involves the amputation of a leg, arm, hand or foot but not a finger or toe
- f) consists of burns to a major portion of the body or
- g) causes the loss of sight in an eye”.

Should a critical injury occur the following steps shall be taken:

- a) Call the emergency number—5000 for assistance. This number gives immediate access to Plant Protection, Fire Department and the Medical Department.
- b) As per the Occupational Health & Safety Act, the accident scene should not be altered unless it is necessary to prevent further injury or serious damage to equipment or property.
- c) Senior supervision must be notified of the critical injury.

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- d) The Safety Department representative will be advised of the incident by the medical or Plant Protection.
- e) The Safety Department representative will contact the Ministry of Labour and the appropriate member of the Health and Safety Committee immediately.

The determination of whether an injury is in fact a critical injury will not always be clear. The medical, security and Health & Safety personnel will in many cases be able to assist in this, however, there may still be instances of uncertainty and as usual it is expected that in such instances the department personnel will error on the side of caution and treat the situation as a critical incident.

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