

NASA Mishap Classifications

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Classification Level & Investigation Type	Property Damage	Injury
Type A Mishap	Total direct cost of mission failure and property damage equal to or greater than \$2,000,000 or more, <i>or</i> Crewed aircraft hull loss has occurred, <i>or</i> Unexpected crewed aircraft departure from controlled flight occurred (except high performance jet/test aircraft such as F-15, F-16, F/A-18, T-38, OV-10, and T-34, when engaged in flight test activities).	Occupational injury or illness that resulted in: A fatality, <i>or</i> A permanent total disability.
Type B Mishap	Total direct cost of mission failure and property damage equal to or greater than \$500,000 but less than \$2,000,000.	Occupational injury or illness that resulted in a permanent partial disability, <i>or</i> Hospitalization for inpatient care of three or more people within 30 workdays of the mishap.
Type C Mishap	Total direct cost of mission failure and property damage equal to or greater than \$50,000 but less than \$500,000.	Nonfatal occupational injury or illness that resulted in: Days away from work, not including the day or shift on which it occurred, <i>or</i> Restricted work, or transfer to another job not including the day or shift on which it occurred, <i>or</i> Hospitalization for inpatient care of one or two people within 30 workdays of the mishap..
Type D Mishap	Total direct cost of mission failure and property damage equal to or greater than \$20,000 but less than \$50,000.	Any nonfatal OSHA recordable occupational injury or illness that does not meet the definition of a Type C mishap.
Close Call	An event in which there is no equipment or property damage, or minor equipment property damage of less than \$20,000, but which possesses a potential to cause a mishap.	No injury or only minor injury requiring first aid, but which possesses a potential to cause a mishap.