Causal Factors and Root Causes Worksheet

After completing your analysis, review the data to identify causes below (check box). Next, review the identified causes and evaluate them to determine if they are a contributing factor (CF) or the root cause (Root).

Causes	CF	Root	Causes	CF	Root
Environment/Work Space			Equipment		
Adverse weather			Poor design		
Walking/working surface			Repeated failure		
Poor housekeeping			No hazard controls		
Inadequate illumination			Preventative maintenance failure		
Layout/congested work space			Unexpected failure		
Other (specify):			Poor machine/human interface		
Personal Protective Equip.			Other (specify):		
PPE not available			Tools		
PPE not worn			Wrong tool		
PPE inadequate			Defective tool		
PPE defective			Correct tool not available		
Other (specify):			Tool not used correctly		
Process			Other (specify):		
Improper storage			Training		
Unexpected movement			No training		
Incompatible chemicals			Inadequate practice		
Inadequate controls			Understanding not tested		
Materials not secured			Inadequate technical safety and health training for		
Other (specify):			manager, supervisors, and/or hourly.		
Procedures			Other (specify):		
No SOP			Communications		
SOP not followed correctly			No communication		
Wrong SOP			Terminology not understood		
No way to implement			Communication not timely		
Inadequate SOP			Complex and confusing instructions		
Limit/load/speed exceeded			Message misunderstood		
SOP not used			Other (specify):		
Other (specify):					
Worksite Analysis			Human Performance		
Inadequate hazard survey/inspection			Hazard not recognized		
Inadequate change analysis			Employee short cut		

Inadequate hazard reporting		Failure of supervisor to detect/ anticipate/fix/report	
Inadequate injury/illness reporting/trend analysis		hazard	
Untimely hazard correction		Failure of employee to detect/ anticipate/fix/report	
Inadequate hazard analysis/Job Hazard Analysis		hazard	
Inadequate incident investigation		Fatigue/reduced alertness	
Other (specify):		Hazard recognized but not eliminated	
Management Leadership – Employee Involvement		Lack of experience	
Work site safety policy not clear		Improper positioning	
Management not visible		Distraction	
Employee involvement not encouraged		Failure to follow SOP	
Unclear safety responsibilities		Horseplay	
Inadequate accountability		Improper work pace	
Inadequate program review		Other (specify):	
Inadequate goals and objectives		Supervision	
Poor mgmt/supervisor example		Inadequate planning	
Low employee comfort level		Inadequate pre-job briefing	
Unclear authority		Inadequate oversight	
Inadequate/improper rewards		Poor worker selection	
Other (specify):		Scheduling	
Business – Management Sys.		Worker fatigue	
Conflicting priorities/goals		Other (specify):	
Production pressures		Hazard Prevention and Control	
Incentives/rewards/improper rewards		Untimely hazard control	
Other (specify):		Inadequate preventative maintenance	
		Inadequate access to health care providers/medical	
		care	
		Ineffective hazard control	
		Ineffective emergency planning	
		Other (specify):	