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Aim: To identify literature concerning research on ways to reduce accidents in dental practices.

Materials and methods: The literature was searched through the Proquest and Pubmed databases and also books within the discipline of Management were searched in the Central Library of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Shue Yan University Library and the University of Hong Kong Library in relation to the topic of accident reduction. Special effort was placed on reducing accidents related to dental practice. More than 2000 papers and articles on accident were reviewed and important points are presented.

Results: Literature showed the basic causes of workplace accidents were chance occurrences, unsafe working conditions and employees' unsafe practices. In addition, workplace safety depends on management's genuine commitment to safety.

Conclusion: Accident prevention can be obtained by reducing unsafe working conditions and reducing unsafe practices.