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Near-Miss Reporting App Launch – Alpine Close Calls Survey

A near-miss is an unintended, unsafe situation that could have resulted in injury but for a lucky intervention. The Alpine Near-Miss Survey catalogues near-misses because studies show that they outnumber accidents 10 to 1, which gives a bigger pool of incidents to study. Studying near-misses may also identify unsafe trends *before* they result in accidents.

[Report Your Close Call >](#)

Safe is a Four-Letter Word: A Discussion of Risk Mitigation

At this year's Climbing Wall Summit, I was given the opportunity to work with four of the industry's premier climbers on the upcoming ClimbSmart!® awareness video. My preface to them all, "don't use the word safe", was met with confusion and requests for an explanation. After several takes, each climber was able to successfully navigate around this word that has been a perennial catchall for climbers everywhere. Why can't we use "safe", you ask?

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Walltopia Extends Summit Sponsorship

Walltopia, a leader in international climbing wall design and construction, has partnered with the Climbing Wall Association as the Climbing Wall Summit's Title Sponsor for the second consecutive year. The Summit is the climbing wall industry's only professional development conference and draws nearly 400 attendees from across the globe.

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