



Accident Investigation

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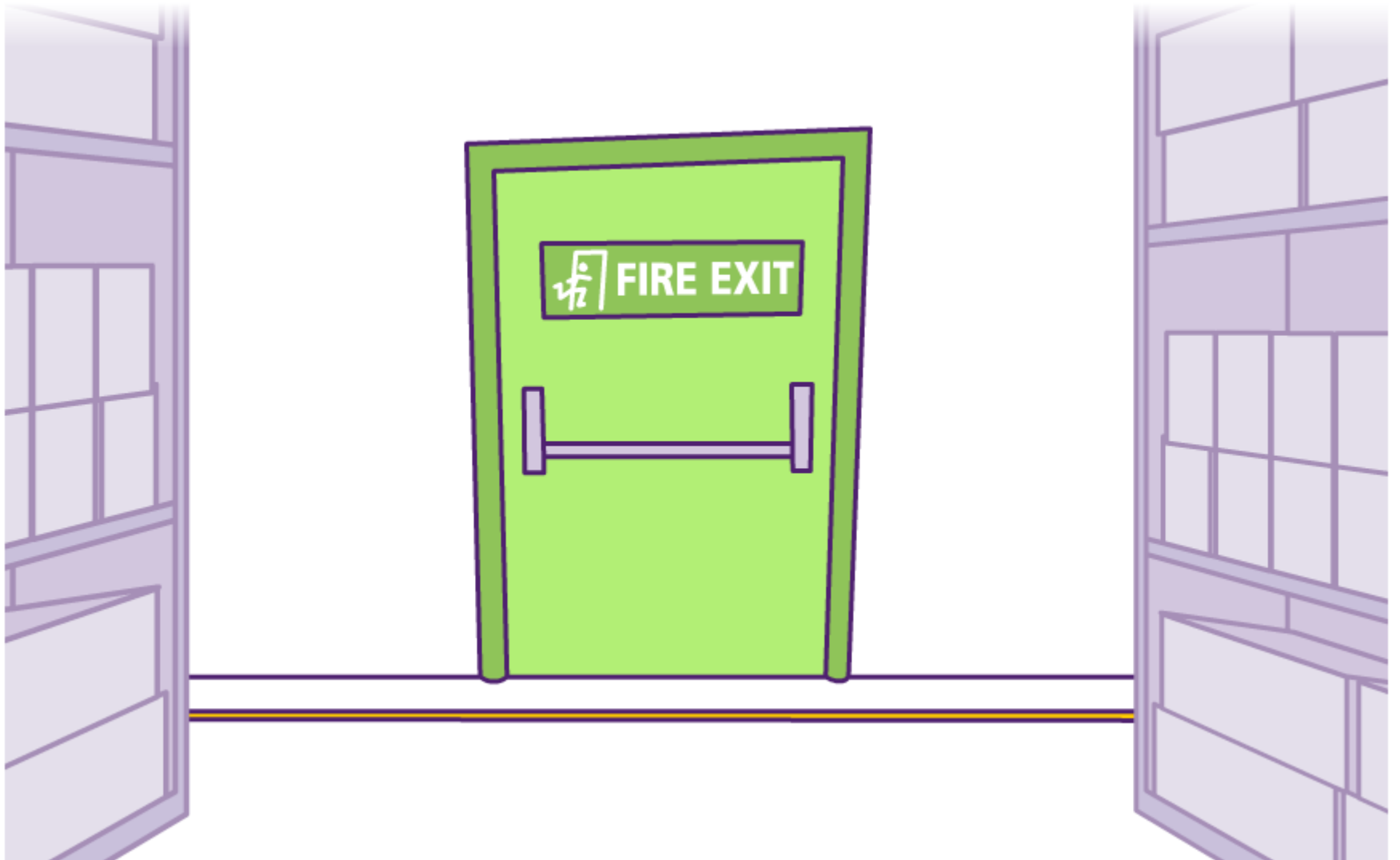




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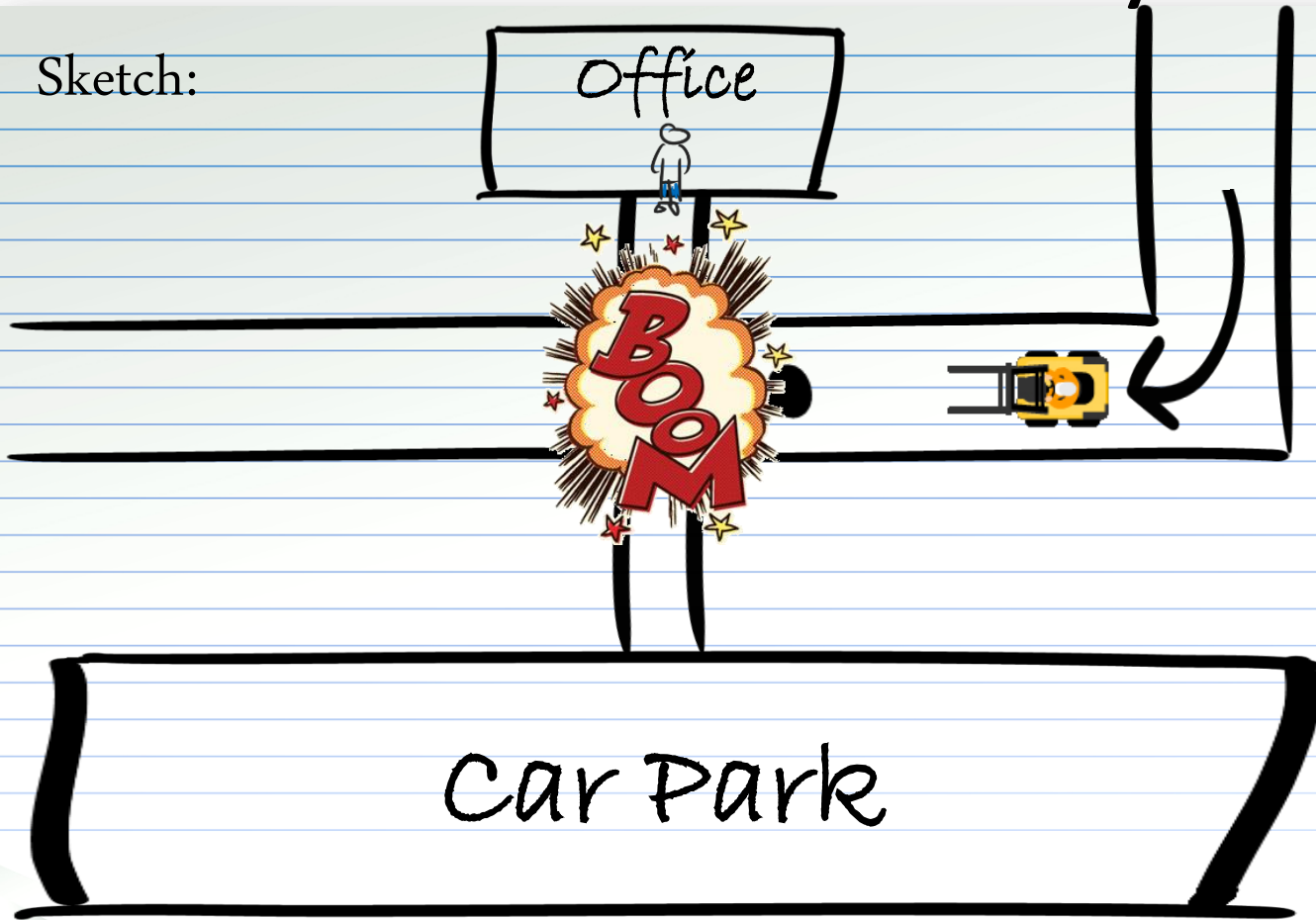






Accident Case Study

Sketch:



What was the cause?





Immediate Actions

(0 – 24 hours)



Safety of the Person

Immediate Actions

(0 – 24 hours)



Preserve the Scene



HSE
Next of Kin
Owner of the asset



Immediate Response

(days 1 – 5)



**Physical
Witnesses
Documentary**



Typical Obstacles

- Collusion
- Lying
- Self preservation
- Knowledge gaps
- Witness availability / No witnesses
- Language
- Management – Reports / PR
- Client
- Fear / Shock
- Guilt / Emotion
- Memory
- Lawyers / Unions



Why?





- **Individual Factors**
- **Competence**
- **Risk Perception**
- **Attitude**
- **Personality**



Why?

- Immediate – Unsafe Condition or action
- Underlying – Lack of training
- Root – Management Failure



Why?

Take care:

- Not to admit liability
- Not to blame individuals
- Not to “shoot from the hip”



Any Questions?