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# Skillsfuture Festival Enterprise Series CEO's Breakfast Talk

Roles & Responsibilities of Enterprises and their Management with regards to Workplace Safety and Health (WSH)



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### **Leadership by Industry**

A statutory body (under the Ministry of Manpower) established on 1 April 2008, consisting of up to 20 leaders from the key industry sectors, the Government, unions and professionals from the legal, insurance and academic fields

### **Three Key Functions**

Build industry capabilities to better manage WSH Promote safety and health at work and recognise companies with good WSH records

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Set acceptable WSH practices

# PM Lee's speech

### World Congress on Safety and Health at Work

"For employers, ensuring a safe and healthy workplace is sound business policy. It is part of running a business well. If you take good care of your employees, make sure that they are well rested, and train them well in safety procedures, they will be more productive."



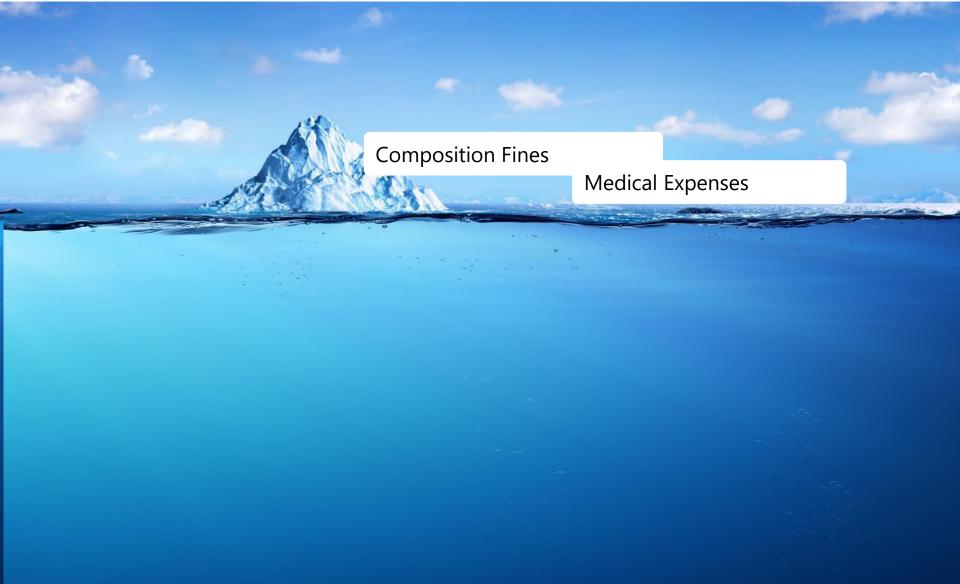
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### **The Cost of Accident**



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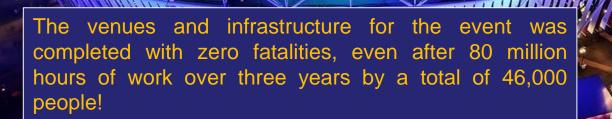


# **Success Story 1**

### London Olympic Games 2012 – Zero Construction Fatalities

When construction begun, it was estimated that 3 death, more than 500 workers seriously injured and 100 of them will have lives affected by their injuries

- Commitment to safety was shown by declaring a zero fatality target and setting measurable objectives and targets
- Leadership was also provided at every level, from the Chief Executive to every subcontractor to get everyone to work to prevent deaths onsite.





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### **Success Story 2**

Wee Chwee Huat Scaffolding - Zero fatalities in 10 years



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### "Taking the focus off safety during a downturn is penny wise, pound foolish"

Mr Manimaran, Operations Manager



 \$15,000 spent on smartphones for staff reporting on WSH reporting, even during slowdown in the construction sector.

Offering 10 x \$20 shopping vouchers a month to workers who spot safety hazards - whether on site or in the streets - to encourage WSH wherever they are

# **Success Story 3**

### **Anglo American Mining Company**

### World's largest platinum producer with 70000 employees



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When Cynthia Caroll became CEO of largest mining company, Anglo American in 2007, the company was a wreck in terms WSH – 200 workers had died on-the-job over a span of 5 years prior to her arrival.

- She ordered a shutdown of their Rustemberg mine, until safety standards were improved.
- Efforts paid off as accident rates were reduced more than 60% over 5 years, and revenue increase of US\$10,365 million in 2011 from 2006. Revenue in 2018 – US\$28 bn



"I have always said that safety is a leading indicator of wider performance — if you get safety right, then other things will follow, from stronger relationships with unions and governments to greater productivity and efficiency across the board."



# The WSH Act and your role



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# What are my roles as an employer?



As an employer, you must protect the safety and health of your **employees or workers** working under your direction, as well as **persons who may be affected by their work**.

# The WSH Act and your role



# Make sure the work environment is **safe**



### As an employer, my roles are:

Conduct **risk assessments** to identify hazards and implement effective **risk control** measures



Make sure adequate **safety measures are taken for any machinery, equipment, plant, article or process** used at

the workplace





machinery without guards. Do not clean, oil, adjust, or repair machinery while unit is on.



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Ensure workers are provided with sufficient instruction, training and supervision so that they can work safely



Develop and **implement** systems for dealing with emergencies



# **The WSH Act**



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### **Legal Liabilities**

Maximum penalties for failing to comply with the Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Act.



| Offender       | Maximum fine  | Maximum<br>imprisonment | Conditions         |
|----------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Individual     | First conviction:<br><b>\$200,000</b><br>Repeat offender:<br><b>\$400,000</b>   | 2 years                 | Either and/or both |
| Corporate body | First conviction:<br><b>\$500,000</b><br>Repeat offender:<br><b>\$1 million</b> | N.A.                    | N.A.               |

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### Failure to comply with Remedial Order or Stop Work Order

| Offence                               | Maximum fine  | Maximum<br>imprisonment | Conditions     |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|----------------|
| Not complying with<br>Remedial Order  | <pre>\$50,000 and additional fine of \$5,000 for each day of continued offence</pre>    | 12 months               | Either or both |
| Not complying with<br>Stop Work Order | \$500,000<br>and additional fine of<br>\$20,000<br>for each day of<br>continued offence | 12 months               | Either or both |

# How WSH Council can help

This year's National WSH Campaign message - "A Word of Care" aptly supports our aspiration for WSH 2028 – strengthening WSH ownership through a **culture of care and trust** at the workplace.

By calling out a word of care as simple as "Bro", "Eh", "Ah" or "Dei", workers can look out for one another at work and take actions when they see a co-worker about to carry out an unsafe act.

Take part in the National WSH Campaign and spread "A Word of Care" among your employees through the activities on www.wshc.sg/nationalcampaigns







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### How WSH Council can help Promote & Recognise



# How WSH Council can help Set Acceptable WSH Practices



Workers

- Guide / Handbook
- Poster
- Checklists
- Videos

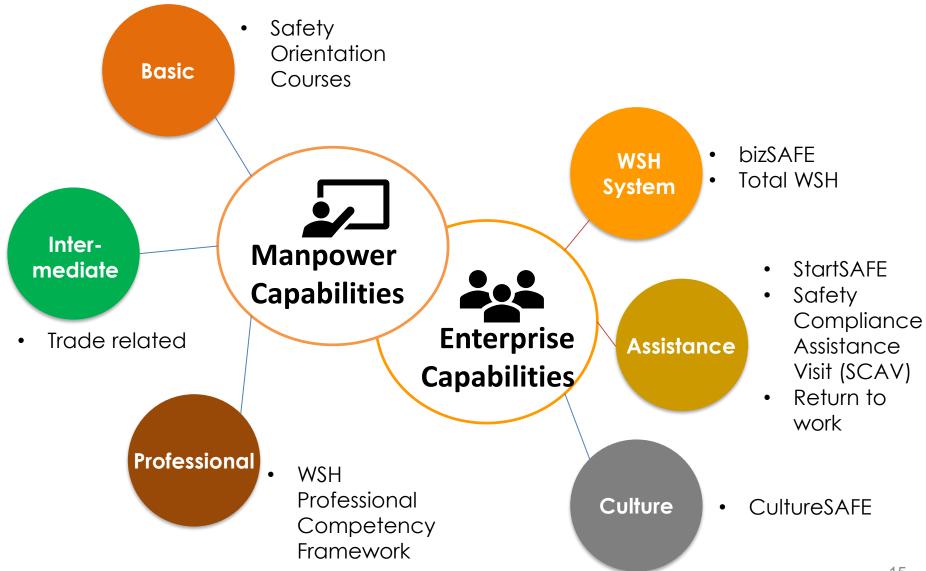


Professionals

- Approved Code of
   Practices
- Guidelines
- Case Studies
- WSH Alerts



# How WSH Council can help Build Industry Capabilities





a ½ day workshop



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### bizsafe **Tripartite Alliance for 33,000 Companies benefited from bizSAFE** 1111 Comply with Risk Increase business **Better corporate** Safer and healthier Management competitive edge branding workplace for regulations employees **Onsite WSH Special Invites to** Learning **Free Advertising Conventions and** Assistance Journeys of Services Forums Programme

# Culture of Care Culture of Trust Culture of Prevention



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This year's campaign "A Word of Care" aptly supports our aspiration for the WSH 2028 strategy. The WSH Council has produced a suite of resources to help companies run their own in-house campaigns to encourage their workers to join the movement of demonstrating 'A Word of Care' and drive the culture of care, trust and prevention.





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# Thank you !!