Questions and Answers from the WSH Webinar for Town Councils 2022

S/N	Question	Question addressed to	Response
1	Is there risk associated with drone use in Town Councils?	Mr Frank Ngoh, Tampines Town Council	Tampines Town Council has done a Risk Assessment associated with drone use. The Risk Assessment can be found in slide 17 of the presentation deck.
2	Any Robot to check covered drainage?	Mr Frank Ngoh, Tampines Town Council	Yes, there is. NEA is currently testing a robot that can inspect drains. Previously, NEA also pilot tested a robot to crawl below secondary roof slabs to detect mosquitoes breeding.
3	Is there any height limit for using ladder?	Mr Lim Cheong, Ministry of Manpower	The WSH Act did not specify the height limit for safe usage of ladders. Ladder users should adhere to the manufacturer's recommendations and follow the on-site risk assessment control measures.
4	How to support replacing old ladders to SSEN131 ladders? is there any incentive scheme?	Mr Lim Cheong, Ministry of Manpower	There is no incentive scheme for replacing ladders. Ladders are an operational necessity for many businesses and many companies had already switched over to SS EN 131 conforming ladders. Ladders conforming to SS EN 131 are safer and more durable to use in the long run, while a non-conforming ladder increase the operation risks and company's liabilities. The incentive to switch over to conforming ladders would be better safety outcomes.
5	Is SSEN131 regulations accessible online?	Mr Lim Cheong, Ministry of Manpower	For the safe use of ladders, you may refer to the following WSHC free resources for more information: - Code of Practice for Working Safely at Heights - https://www.tal.sg/wshc/Resources/Publications/Codes-of-Practice/Code-of-Practice-for-Working-Safely-at-HeightsEnglish

- Safe Use of Ladders Checklist -

https://www.tal.sg/wshc/Resources/Publications/Checklists-and-Articles/Safe-Use-of-Ladders-Checklist

- Ladder Safety Pack -

https://www.tal.sg/wshc/Resources/Publications/Resource-Kits/Ladder-Safety-Pack

The original EN series can be purchased. To help local companies to build their capabilities, Enterprises Singapore subsidised local standards, including SS EN131, to as much as 70%.

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