

WSH Bulletin

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SLA Webinar on vehicular safety highlights importance of keeping workers in the logistics and transport industry safe

The Singapore Logistics Association (SLA) organised a WSH webinar aimed at heightening awareness on vehicular safety on 27 October 2021. The event, which was supported by the Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Council, was well attended by over 300 business owners, operations managers, safety officers and HR managers.

Upon welcoming participants to the webinar, Mr Chan Hsien Hung, SLA’s Council Member, said that the session was aimed at better equipping the industry with the knowledge to prevent and minimise the occurrence of incidents. Noting that vehicular accidents were the top cause of workplace deaths during the first half of 2021, he was concerned over the recent fatal accidents.

During the webinar, the Ministry of Manpower shared statistics and common contraventions within the industry, as well as the lessons learnt from past accident case studies. Participants also learnt that the future of the sector could include greater adoption of technology such as data analytics, automated guided vehicles, and radio-frequency identification or biometrics to ensure safer equipment and practices.

SMRT Corporation Ltd then presented its ‘3E Framework’ (Education, Engagement and Enforcement) and ‘6S Methodology’ (Sort, Set-in-order, Shine, Standardise, Sustain and Safety) that drive continual effort towards zero occurrence in safety and security. It also shared some of its recent forklift enhancements to improve safety in such operations.

Solo Pte Ltd and TNT Surveillance Pte Ltd then shared how the safety of drivers could be enhanced by adopting technologies such as the Advanced Driver Assistance System and Driver Status Monitoring System.



Visit the WSH Council website to download the [presentation slides and other vehicular-related safety collaterals](#).

Find out more about [vehicular safety](#) to identify and manage risks for jobs involving vehicles.

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BSG webinar highlights technology and health, and witnesses the formation of first Vision Zero cluster for the manufacturing sector

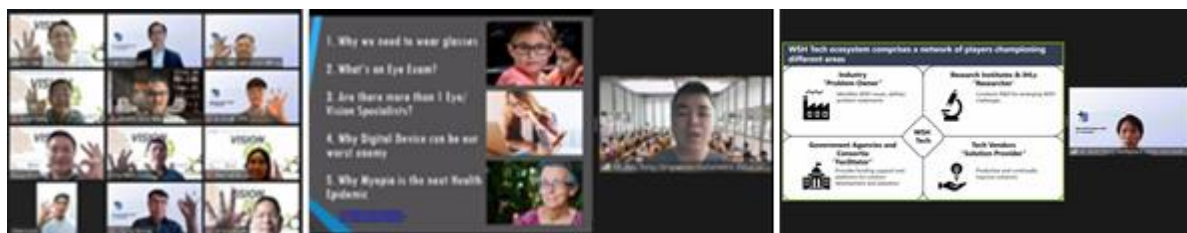
The Bedok Safety Group (BSG), with the support of the Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Council, held its annual webinar on 12-13 October 2021. Over 800 participants bore witness to BSG's appointment as the first Vision Zero cluster for the manufacturing sector.

Vision Zero is an ongoing movement that calls for the commitment of all stakeholders to embrace a mindset that all injuries and ill-health at work are preventable, and zero harm is possible. This involves having a strong culture of WSH.

Over the two-day webinar, participants saw many examples of how technology can be beneficial in improving WSH:

- Yokogawa shared how extended reality had the potential to humanise technology in skills training to achieve safe hands.
- AU Optronics gave a presentation on how engaging in digital transformation would aid in holistic and dynamic risk assessments to be calculated in real time.
- WSH Institute presented on various WSH technology opportunities such as the Verishield Smart Hearing Solution that enables companies to provide personalised hearing conservation solutions for their workers.

The event also touched on health covering common issues faced when working from home, such as glaucoma, myopia, diabetes, and mental well-being issues such as stress from working in a less than ideal environment.



The Slips, Trips and Falls (STFs) Campaign 2021 was also shared with the participants, encouraging them to make their own resolutions for STF within their companies. As STF remains one of the top causes of non-fatal injuries, the WSH Council encourages all to join the [STF Campaign 2021](#) to take time to care for their employees' safety and health.



Visit the WSH Council website for more information about [Vision Zero](#).

SMF webinar launches revised WSH Guidelines on Implementation of WSH Management System for the Metalworking Industry

The Singapore Manufacturing Federation (SMF), in collaboration with the Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Council, launched the revised WSH Guidelines on Implementation of WSH Management System (WSHMS) for the Metalworking Industry on 11 October 2021 at the WSHMS Webinar. The webinar, attended by 300 participants, aimed to provide guidance for organisations to develop and implement a WSHMS for the metalworking industry, in accordance to ISO 45001. The ISO 45001 specifies the requirements for an occupational health and safety management system intended to improve the safety and health of both employees and other personnel. The industry is strongly urged to adopt the guidelines and to address identified gaps as part of its WSHMS.

Mr Lawrence Pek, Secretary General of SMF, gave the welcome address. He highlighted the need to maintain high standards of WSH within the metalworking industry. Mr Douglas Foo, Chairman of the WSH Council (Manufacturing) Committee, highlighted the latest national WSH statistics for the first half of 2021, which served as a timely reminder that WSH is of utmost importance. He highlighted that the revised Guidelines, which aims to guide the industry on the steps to ensure proper WSH, was developed through the working group comprising representatives from the industry, unions, and government entities.

The Chairman of the working group, Er. Lim Sui Soon introduced the revised guidelines with the enhancements made. These included the strengthening of WSH ownership among workers, management and other stakeholders, the promotion of technology to improve WSH, and elements to address the mental well-being of workers.



TUV SUD, an audit company, gave a presentation of the common non-compliances it encountered when auditing metalworking companies. Finally, Makino, a machine tool manufacturing company, did a showcase on how the WSH Guidelines has been integrated into its daily work processes to boost its company's productivity.

The Q&A panel saw a lively discussion with questions such as how companies have benefited from adopting the new guidelines and how the guidelines could help implement the companies' WSHMS.

Download the revised [WSH Guidelines on Implementation of WSH Management System for the Metalworking Industry](#) from the WSH Council website.

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