

WSH Bulletin



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Join us for the launch of Workplace Mental Well-being Campaign 2021

The COVID-19 pandemic has given rise to new working conditions, resulting in an increase in workplace stress and anxiety. Through this Workplace Mental Well-being Campaign 2021, we hope to create greater awareness among employers and employees of the importance of mental well-being, an essential component of the overall health which can impact the workers' performance and even, their safety.

This inaugural event, reaching out to all human resource and WSH professionals and management, is launched as part of the year-long 2021 National Workplace Safety and Health Campaign to remind employees to take time to take care of their mental well-being at work, and employers to take action to improve their employees' well-being. This event supports the National Mental Well-being Campaign launched by the Health Promotion Board, with a focus on the workplace.

Find out more about the mental well-being initiatives for workplaces that will be announced during the event.

Date: 9 December 2021 (Thursday)
Time: 11am – 12pm
Venue: Online

[Register](#) for the event today.

Pertinent workplace safety and workforce health issues for FM industry highlighted at forum

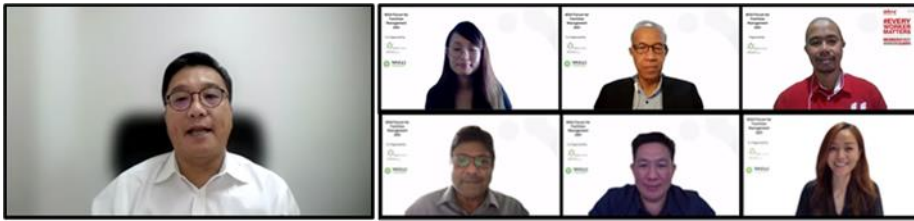
The Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Council held its annual WSH Forum for the Facilities Management (FM) Industry on 25 November 2021. This year, the Forum consisted of two distinct tracks with presentations by a diverse panel of speakers from the government and industry.

The morning track focused on "Safety in Refuse Handling Equipment", where Guest-of-Honour Mr Milton Ng from the Waste Management & Recycling Association of Singapore emphasised that the industry must do more to prevent accidents. This was in light of the recent fatality involving a cleaner who died while operating a refuse handling equipment (RHE). Mr Ng added that companies should adopt programmes such as Total WSH to improve their workers' safety, health and well-being.

Key takeaways from the morning track were:

- Only authorised personnel should operate the RHE;
- Refuse truck drivers must be properly trained to operate the RHE; and

- Workers should be encouraged to adopt a culture of care and safety, and be empowered to report safety infringements.



In the afternoon track themed “Total WSH in a Pandemic Impacted Singapore”, Guest-of-Honour Mr Daniel T’ng, Co-Chairman of the WSH Council (FM) Committee, stressed that safety is a shared responsibility between employer and employee. He urged employers to do more to ensure that their employees are safe and healthy at work.

Mr T’ng also launched the “WSH Guidelines on Working Safely During Installation, Maintenance and Replacement of Escalators and Moving Walks” to raise WSH knowledge and competencies amongst escalator specialists and technicians.

Participants learnt a diverse range of safety and health related topics relevant for FM stakeholders from WSH challenges that the industry faces, technologies that can better WSH outcomes, to improving indoor ventilation to prevent transmission of infectious diseases, and caring for workers’ health and mental well-being.



Both tracks of the Forum saw a lively exchange between the panellists and audience, with 580 practitioners and stakeholders from the FM industry attending.

More Information

Read the [opening address](#) by Mr Daniel T’ng, Co-Chairman of the WSH Council (FM) Committee.

Download the “[WSH Guidelines on Working Safely During Installation, Maintenance and Replacement of Escalators and Moving Walks](#)”.

Download and share the list of collaterals and resources as well as speakers’ slides from the [event webpage](#). You can now share these collaterals with your workers via WhatsApp by scanning the QR codes in the slides.

FM practitioners may provide [feedback](#) on the WSH issues that they are facing and technology solutions that they have tried or are exploring.



Workplace Safety and Health (Approved Codes of Practice) Notification 2021

The Workplace Safety and Health (Approved Codes of Practice) Notification 2021 was published on the Government Electronic Gazette on 19 November 2021. This new Notification will be effective from 1 December 2021 and the Workplace Safety and Health (Approved Codes of Practice) Notification 2020 will be revoked accordingly.

The number of Approved Codes of Practice (ACOPs) will stand at 88.

The new additions are:

- SS 551: 2009 Code of practice for earthing
- SS 663: 2020 Code of practice for safe loading on vehicles (Formerly CP 30)
- SS 667: 2020 Code of practice for handling, storage and processing of combustible dust

The following ACOPs are updated to the latest revision:

- SS 550: 2020 Code of practice for installation, operation and maintenance of electric passenger and goods lift
- SS 580: 2020 Code of practice for formwork
- SS 586: 2021 Specification for hazard communication for hazardous chemicals and dangerous goods Part 1: Transport and storage of dangerous goods
- SS 659: 2020 Code of practice for scaffolds
- Code of Practice on Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Risk Management – 2021 Revision

The following ACOPs were withdrawn:

- SS 506: 2009 Occupational safety and health (OSH) management system Part 1: Requirements
- SS 506: 2009 Occupational safety and health (OSH) management system Part 2: Guidelines for the implementation of SS 506: Part 1: 2009

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