

WSH Bulletin

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Ensuring COVID-19 safe workplaces

The new Workplace Safety and Health (COVID-19 Safe Workplace) Regulations 2021 have come into effect on 1 January 2022.

The WSH (COVID-19 Safe Workplace) Regulations include requirements to:

- Allow up to 50% of employees who are able to work from home, to be at the workplace at any point in time.
- Implement vaccination-differentiated access to the workplace from 1 January 2022.
- Establish a system of Safe Management Measures (SMM) to provide a safe and healthy working environment.

Read the full [Regulations](#) for more information.

Most of the SMM requirements in the Regulations were enshrined in the COVID-19 Temporary Measures Control Order Regulations. The requirements were transferred to the WSH Regulations because preventing infectious disease transmission at the workplace is part and parcel of workplace safety and health. The same WSH principles and processes that apply to accident prevention should be applied towards infectious disease prevention and keeping the workforce healthy.

In this regard, the [Code of Practice on WSH Risk Management](#) was also updated in December 2021 to explicitly include prevention of infectious disease transmission as part of risk assessments. We remind companies to review their WSH risk assessments and make the necessary updates to mitigate the risk of infectious disease transmissions at the workplace.

Keeping workplaces COVID-safe will allow us to resume more social and economic activities sooner.

Enterprise Singapore seeks public comments

Members of the public are invited to provide feedback on the [draft Singapore Standards](#) for publication:

- Building and Construction – execution of concrete structures, portable fire extinguishers, timber doors
- Chemical – safe use of thermal foggers, bunkering, laundry detergent powder for household use

- Quality and Safety – ammonia refrigeration (3 standards), incident management, occupational health and safety management, respiratory protective devices, occupational safety and health management systems (2 standards)

To comment, please write to: kay_chua@enterprisesg.gov.sg.

Workshops

SCIC Safety Case Practitioner Workshop

The 4-day workshop is aimed at helping participants to acquire the skills and knowledge required to support the implementation of the Safety Case regime in their respective companies.

Get more information [here](#).

Date: 20-21 & 27-28 April
2022
Time: 9am - 5pm
Venue: Virtual

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