

UNSAFE AND SAFE PRACTICES

The Ministry of Manpower put up [a Facebook post on 27 September 2022](#), calling out unsafe practices which it found during a workplace inspection. It is the duty of responsible persons to check that working conditions are safe before allowing work to begin. Everyone (including workers) must remain vigilant and do their part to prevent unsafe practices from becoming accidents.

Here are examples of unsafe practices to avoid, and safe practices to adopt.

Unsafe



- × Electrical outlet in poor condition

Safe



- ✓ Well-maintained electrical outlet
- ✓ Wires in good condition
- ✓ Plastic casing to protect outdoor electrical outlet from rain

Unsafe



- × Poor workplace housekeeping
- × Materials stored at height on sloping surface with open sides
- × No proper access to storage area

Safe



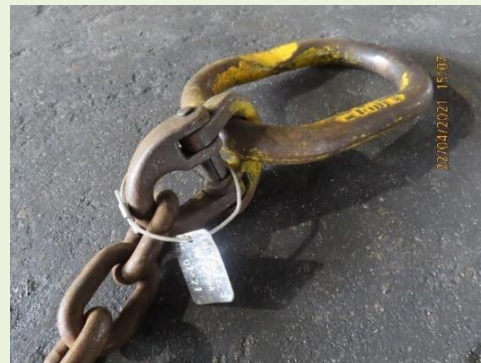
- ✓ Materials stored neatly at ground level
- ✓ Clearly marked and unobstructed access way

Unsafe



- × Expired lifting machine registration
- × Uncertified lifting gear

Safe



- ✓ Lifting equipment certified by Authorised Examiner, registered with MOM and is valid (i.e. not expired).

Unsafe



- × Ignition key left in parked vehicles

Safe



- ✓ Ignition keys removed from vehicles not in operation
- ✓ Proper key access control system

Unsafe



- ✗ Diesel storage tanks not labelled
- ✗ No warning signs

Safe



Full GHS label and Dangerous Goods (DG) placard

- ✓ Chemical storage tanks and containers labelled in accordance with the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals*

*For more information, refer to Singapore Standards SS 586 : Specification for hazard communication for hazardous chemicals and dangerous goods – Parts 1 and 2

Unsafe



- × Fire extinguisher unfit for use

Safe



- ✓ Fire extinguisher inspected annually
- ✓ Sufficiently pressurised fire extinguisher ready for use