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[For Action] MOM/ WSH Council’s response plan following recent uptick in incidents in Construction

We would like to update you on the action plan that the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) and the WSH Council are undertaking to address the recent uptick in fatal incidents in the Construction sector.

Fatal Injury Situation

2 The last few months saw a concerning number of workplace fatalities, with a significant majority occurring in the construction sector. This trend underscores the need for renewed vigilance and enhanced safety measures.

3 Since October 2024, MOM has stepped up enforcement efforts covering both larger construction projects and smaller scale works involving additions and alterations (A&A) and renovation works, as well as checks on vehicular safety. MOM also met with key Government Procuring Entities (GPEs) along with MAST reps (from the Ministry of National Development (MND) and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment (MSE)) on 30 Oct 2024, to work out an action plan to prevent further incidents at public sector construction projects. WSH Council has also issued a call for the industry to maintain vigilance on 1 Nov 2024*, ahead of the anticipated year-end rush before pre-CNY milestone payment deadlines in construction.

Construction STO & Media Message

4 As a next step, MOM and WSH Council will also be issuing a **call for companies in the construction industry to conduct a Safety Time-Out (STO) from 7 Nov 2024**. Occupiers of work sites should set aside time over the following **2 weeks to review the adequacy of their risk management plans and ensure effective implementation of risk control measures**. The STO was announced by MOM following a [media operation led by SMS Zaqy Mohamad at a construction site](#) on 7 Nov 2024. The STO should focus on preventing **struck by falling objects, vehicular and crane-related incidents**.

Below are STO checklists relevant to the construction industry :

Crane-related
Safety Time Out sample checklist for Lifting Plan
Safety Time Out sample checklist for Mobile Crane
Safety Time Out sample checklist for Tower Crane
STO Checklist for Overhead Travelling Crane
STO Checklist for Lorry Crane
Vehicular
Safety Time Out checklist
Safety Time Out sample checklist for Workplace Traffic
Others
Safety Time Out sample checklist for Workplace Housekeeping

[Safety Time Out sample checklist for Formwork](#)

[Safety Time Out sample checklist for Working at Height](#)

[Sample Checklist for Confined Space Work](#)

[Safety Time Out sample checklist for Pre-Operation of Vehicles](#)

[Safety Time Out sample checklist for Pre-Operation of Forklifts](#)

[Time-out checklist](#)

For more WSH-related resources, go to www.tal.sg/wshc/resources.

5 We would like to rally support from Members of the CN&L Committee as well as Association Partners, and Unions from our Built Environment sector to conduct this STO.

[Note:* The comms was [announced on our website](#) and posted on our [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [WSH Bulletin](#)]

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6 The above call for the conduct of STO is for your immediate action, please.

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