

JOINT ADVISORY: URGENT CALL FOR SAFETY TIME-OUT IN THE PROCESS INDUSTRY

The Singapore Chemical Industry Council (SCIC), Association of Process Industry (ASPRI) and Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Council are deeply concerned over the recent spate of workplace fatalities. Here, we would like to remind all plant operators and process construction and maintenance (PCM) companies of the importance of workplace safety and health even as we implement Safe Management Measures (SMM) on-site.

Those recent fatalities could have easily been prevented if proper risk assessments had been carried out and site personnel remained vigilant. While we resume work after a period of reduced activities, we must not forget to uphold our industry's impeccable safety and health standards in a bid to make up for lost time this year. As every accident will cause further delays, SCIC and ASPRI would like to strongly urge everyone to take a step back and conduct a thorough Safety Time-Out exercise.

Let us allow ourselves some time for taking stock and reviewing our work activities and safety protocols. We have to take care of one another, so everyone can go home safe and healthy at the end of each workday. Here are some areas we could relook into:

- Deploy only workers who are feeling well, fit for work and competent for the task;
- Check that all vehicles, machinery, equipment and tools have undergone routine maintenance and thorough inspection to ensure that they are in good working condition and safe to operate;
- Review the risk assessment for each work activity/process and account for the impact of reduced manpower, if any;
- Confirm that risk controls are in place and conduct safety briefings to ensure that workers are aware of the Safe Work Procedures (SWPs) and on-site risk controls prior to starting work;
- Remind workers of work hazards and provide the necessary on-site supervision to ensure SWPs are strictly adhered to; and
- Adhere to Safe Management Measures such as wearing a mask, observing safe distancing and remaining within split teams.

We urge all to complete their Safety Time-Out exercises as soon as possible, or at least before **23 December 2020** when the festive season kicks in. We look forward to a safer resumption of construction activities with this Safety Time-Out. Together, we can prevent all injuries and ill-health at the workplace.

To facilitate this Time-Out exercise, you can also use these WSH Council checklists:

1. [Working at Heights Checklist](#)
2. [Lifting Plan Checklist](#)
3. [Tower Crane Checklist](#)
4. [Mobile/ Crawler Crane Checklist](#)
5. [Forklift Pre-Operational Checklist](#)
6. [Vehicle Pre-Operational Checklist](#)
7. [Formwork Checklist](#)
8. [Workplace Traffic Checklist](#)
9. [Workplace Housekeeping Checklist](#)
10. [WSH Management System Checklist](#)

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