



## **CALL FOR SAFETY TIME OUT EXERCISE AT WORKSITES**

1. For the period of 19 May 2021 to 14 June 2021, there were unfortunately eight reported workplace fatalities that occurred across several sectors, which includes manufacturing. This is alarming as the number of fatalities is more than double the pre-COVID level. These tragic fatalities could have been prevented if safety processes were strictly adhered to and improved. Moreover, companies should remind employees not to be complacent and to maintain a high level of safety awareness at all times.
2. The Singapore Manufacturing Federation (SMF), together with the WSH Council, is deeply concerned with workplace fatalities. After all, every worker matters and any injury is one too many, even more so, a fatality. Therefore, we are urging all manufacturers and the larger manufacturing community to conduct a **Safety Time Out Exercise** at your worksite to review your risk management processes and workplace safety practices.
3. The **Safety Time Out Exercise** may be conducted in various forms. Some examples are:  
**For management:**
  - Top management could do a walk-about on site to engage workers, and show them care and concern by reminding them of WSH practices.
  - Top management could consult the company's WSH committee/officers/ coordinators on key WSH risks in the company, and how these risks are being mitigated.
  - Top management could request for a review of the risk control measures, if necessary.**For WSH personnel to review site practices and risk assessments, which include:**
  - Assessing whether the control measures in the company's Risk Assessment are being implemented.
  - Identifying any new risks that were not factored in the Risk Assessment and devising control measures to mitigate these risks.
  - Hold workshops or meetings with employees to recap basic site safety and how employees can play a part in upholding good WSH standards.
4. To help guide the manufacturing industry in the implementation of this exercise, the WSH Council has developed resources, which includes the [Safety Time Out Checklist](#) and many other information. These resources are available on WSH Council's [website](#).

5. Companies are advised to complete their **Safety Time Out Exercise** in the week of **28 June to 2 July 2021**.
6. We would appreciate if you could also show your commitment to conducting the **Safety Time Out Exercise**. Simply scan the QR Code below to indicate your commitment by 27 June 2021.



7. We look forward to safer manufacturing activities with this **Safety Time Out Exercise**. Together, we will ensure safety and good health at the workplace.

**The Singapore Manufacturing Federation (SMF)**  
**Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Council**  
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