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Incident Reporting & Investigation

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Cost of poor performance...



High Risk Construction Work...

Critical risks in transport infrastructure and maintenance work:

- Work in an area with movement of powered mobile plant
- Working near live traffic
- Working near live utilities
- Working at heights / falls

...potential consequence of fatalities or life changing injuries.

18 High Risk Construction Work (HRCW) activities







Demolition of loadbearing structure



Work on or near chemical fuel or refrigerant lines



Work on or near energised electrcal installation or services



Work in an area that may have a contaminated or flammable atmosphere



Likely to involve disturbing asbestos



Temporary loadbearing support for structural alterations or repairs



Work in or near a confined space



Tilt-up or precast concrete elements



Work on, in or adjacent to a road, railway, shipping lane or other traffic corridor in use by traffic other than pedestrians



Work in an area with movement of powered mobile plant



Work in or near a shaft or trench deeper than 1.5m or a tunnel



Use of explosives



Work on or near pressurised gas mains or piping



Work in areas with artificial extremes of temperature



Work in or near water or other liquid that involves a risk of drowning



Diving work



Why bother reporting? Why bother investigating?

Visible problems can be solved

Learn lessons on how to better manage risks

Make changes through taking actions

Prevent recurrence; reduce risks SFAIRP



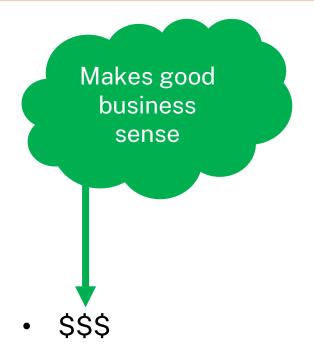
Drivers for managing risks

Moral obligation – the right thing to do (VISION)

"Our vision is to create Transport workplaces and networks where everyone goes home safe and healthy every day, where safety is a core value and is integral to everything we do."

Legal obligation

- WHS Act & Regulations
- WHS Due Diligence





How to report and investigate?

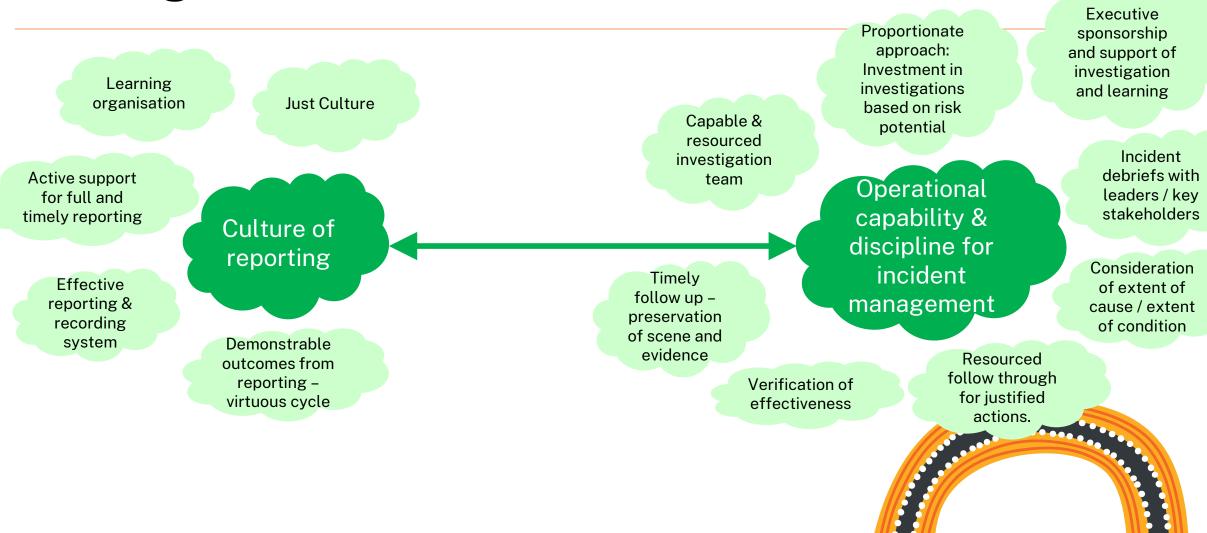
Ensure expectations are clear for reporting and investigating

Actively promote and support a reporting culture

Apply a proportionate approach



What does great look like for incident reporting and investigation?



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Effective Risk
Management and
Contractor Safety

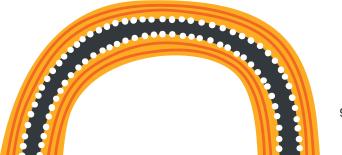
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Forum Engagement – Survey Question 1

What challenges do you face in your organisation with contractor safety management (CSM)?

- Inadequate procedures for contractor management as part of the procurement process
- Difficulties sourcing capable contractors
- Difficulties specifying health & safety (H&S) requirements in contract documents
- Difficulties monitoring/managing contractor compliance

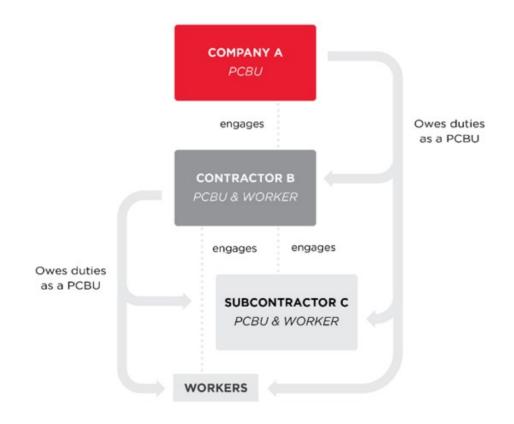


Contractor Safety Management

Under WHS Laws a Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU) has a duty to ensure the health and safety of workers and others.

This duty includes direct employees of a business and third party workers (Contractors).

SafeWork Australia produced guidance "WHS Duties in a Contractual Chain" in March 2022.



Example of PCBU duties owed in a contractual chain – SafeWork Australia, 2022

Integrating contractor safety management into Procurement processes

Plan

Source

Manage



Identify health & safety risks

- Determine health & safety risk for engagement.
- Identify relevant requirements (incl. Legislation or standards where applicable)



Assess health & safety risk controls

- Health & safety (H&S)
 requirements specified in
 engagement documents
- Determine H&S criteria for assessment
- Evaluation of contractor H&S systems, processes, competency and capability against established criteria



Assurance & Governance

- Verify contractor complies with H&S requirements via H&S Assurance (incl. Inspection, Testing and Monitoring activities)
- Periodic reviews and reporting on contractor performance.
- Communicate and Consult