

## FACTSHEET ON ENFORCEMENT OPERATION AIMED AT REDUCING SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS IN THE WORKPLACE

The Ministry of Manpower (MOM) mounted an enforcement operation from 3 June to 19 July 2019 aimed at reducing Slips, Trips and Falls (STF) in the workplaces, which were one of the top causes of injuries<sup>1</sup> in 2018.

2 Close to 500 inspections were conducted in various sectors where STFs are common, such as the construction, manufacturing, transport & storage, accommodation, food services and wholesale trade sectors.

3 A total of 876 enforcement actions were taken against 439 companies, including four Stop-Work Orders and 144 composition fines amounting to \$164,000.

4 The top contraventions uncovered during the operation include:

- Poor housekeeping, which can lead to tripping hazards;
- Wet, slippery or damaged floors; and
- Failure to implement control measures to prevent STF such as anti-slip mats and signage

5 In the first half (1H) of 2019, STF-related injuries remained as one of the top causes of workplace injuries, with 1,844 cases. STF-related major injuries fell from 111 cases in 1H 2018 to 87 cases in 1H 2019, while STF-related minor injuries increased from 1,603 cases in 1H 2018 to 1,757 cases in 1H 2019. MOM and the Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Council will continue to prioritise the reduction of STF through targeted enforcement and engagement efforts.

	1H 2018	1H 2019
Fatal Injuries - Slips, Trips and Falls	3	0
Major Injuries - Slips, Trips and Falls	111	87
Minor Injuries - Slips, Trips and Falls	1,630	1,757
<i>Total</i>	<b>1,744</b>	<b>1,844</b>

6 Employers and employees are encouraged to take ownership of WSH by conducting risk assessments to identify risks, implementing control measures and maintaining a safe work environment. The WSH Council has a list of resources<sup>2</sup> such as case studies, guidelines and collateral on their website that companies can tap on to raise WSH standards and collectively foster a healthy workforce in safe workplaces.

<sup>1</sup> STF were the main cause of seven fatal injuries, 203 major injuries and 3407 minor injuries in the workplaces in 2018. The other top causes of workplace injuries were (i) machinery incidents, (ii) vehicular incidents and (iii) falls from height. More information can be found in the National Workplace Safety and Health Statistics Report 2018 at <https://www.mom.gov.sg/-/media/mom/documents/safety-health/reports-stats/wsh-national-statistics/wsh-national-stats-2018.pdf?la=en>.

<sup>2</sup> WSH Council's resources on reducing STF in the workplaces can be found at [https://www.wshc.sg/wps/portal/!ut/p/a1/04\\_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfGizOJ9\\_E1MjByDDbzdPUIIMDRyNfA08QsyNDYPNTIAKInErcA4zJk6\\_AQ7gaEBIf7h-FD4lYBeAFcXwks\\_Kj0nPwns3UjHvCRji3T9qKLUtNSi1CK90iKgcEZJSUGxlaqBqkF5ebleen5-ek6qXnJ-rqoBNI0Z-cUL-hGoKvJULckMjDLJMc8p8HBUBf10x\\_A!!/dl5/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/?action=cmsPublicView&categoryId=CL2015102800001](https://www.wshc.sg/wps/portal/!ut/p/a1/04_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfGizOJ9_E1MjByDDbzdPUIIMDRyNfA08QsyNDYPNTIAKInErcA4zJk6_AQ7gaEBIf7h-FD4lYBeAFcXwks_Kj0nPwns3UjHvCRji3T9qKLUtNSi1CK90iKgcEZJSUGxlaqBqkF5ebleen5-ek6qXnJ-rqoBNI0Z-cUL-hGoKvJULckMjDLJMc8p8HBUBf10x_A!!/dl5/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/?action=cmsPublicView&categoryId=CL2015102800001).