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Enforcement Statistics & Common Fire Safety Non-Compliances

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Scope

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- Enforcement Statistics
- Enforcement Workflow
- Common Fire Hazards & Fire Safety Offences
- Managing Fire Safety using Technology
- Conclusion



Introduction

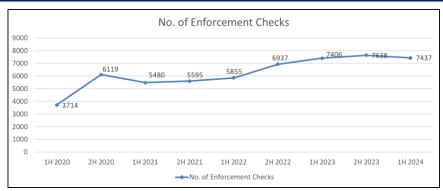
- SCDF regulates fire safety to attain a fire-safe built environment by:
 - ✓ Formulating fire safety policies E.g. Fire Safety Act (FSA), Code of Practice for Fire Precautions in Buildings (Fire Code)
 - ✓ Implementing fire safety requirements E.g. Fire Safety Certificate (FSC), Petroleum and Flammable Materials License (P&FM), Temporary Permit
 - ✓ Partnering the industry players to improve on regulatory systems E.g. Fire Safety Managers (FSM), Building Owners
 - ✓ Maintaining an effective regulatory regime E.g. Regular Inspections, Enforcement Actions

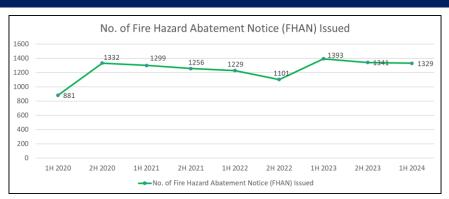
Regulatory Regime

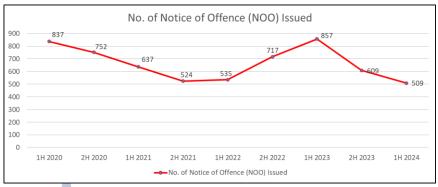
- To create a fire-safe environment by enforcing the FSA and achieved through:
 - ✓ Scheduled fire safety enforcement checks
 - ✓ Responding to public feedbacks
 - ✓ Concerted joint efforts by SCDF and building managements/owners/FSMs/CERTs

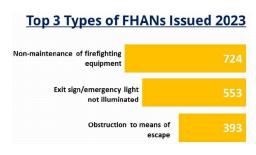


Enforcement Statistics





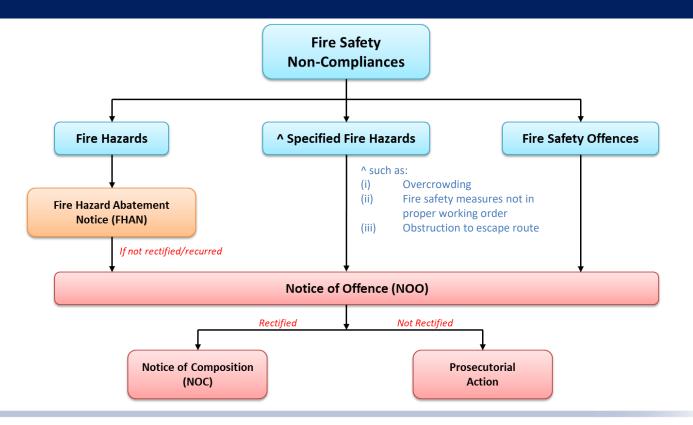








Enforcement Workflow





Common Fire Hazards



Fire Hazards

Section 2 of the FSA

- "Fire Hazard" means any matter or circumstance which materially increases the likelihood of fire or the danger to life or property that would result from the outbreak of fire and includes —
 - ✓ Obstruction to Means of Escape
 - ✓ Obstruction to Fire Safety Measures
 - ✓ Non-maintenance of Fire Safety Measures
 - ✓ Storage/Placement of combustible material
 - ✓ Missing/Removal of Fire Safety Measures



Obstruction to Means of Escape









Obstruction to Fire Safety Measures



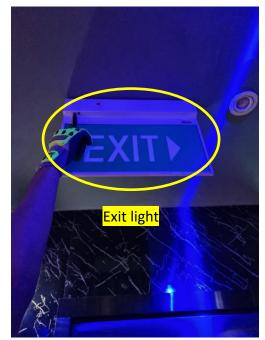






Non-maintenance of Fire Safety Measures





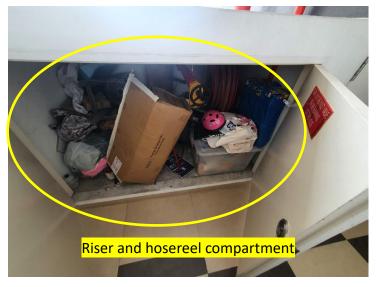




Storage/Placement of Combustible Material

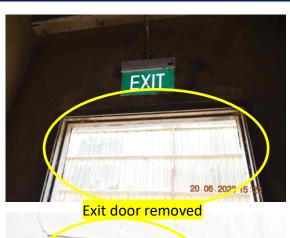




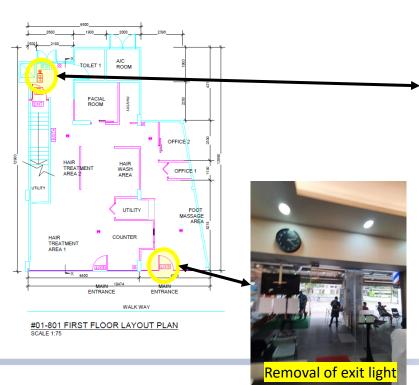




Missing/Removal of Fire Safety Measures



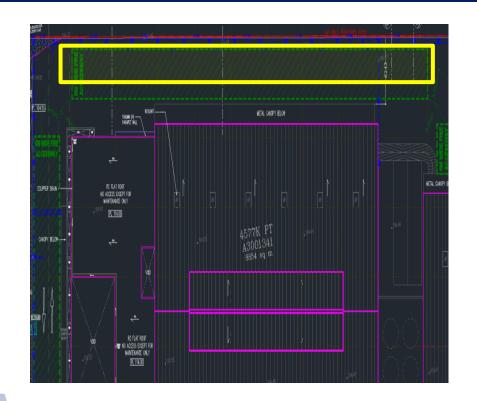






Removal of hosereel

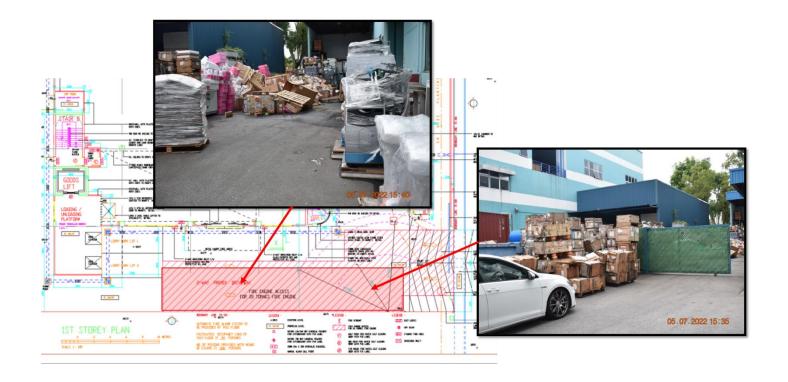
Obstruction to Fire Engine Access







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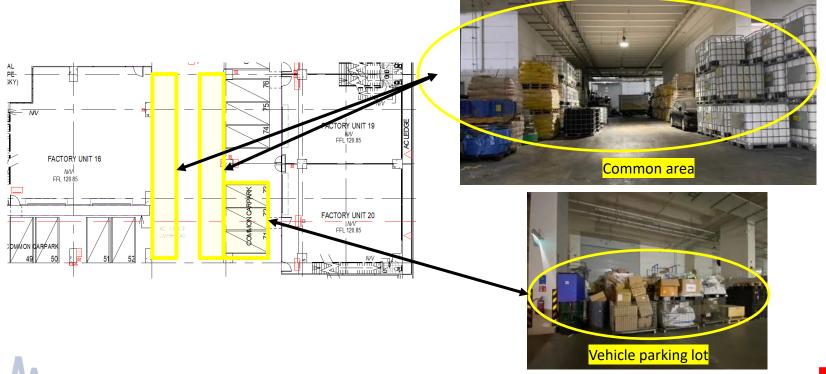
Common Fire Safety Offences



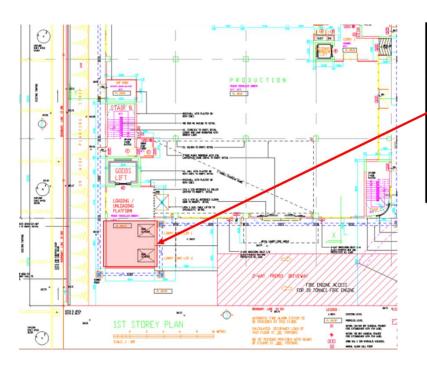
Fire Safety Offence

- Contravention to requirements in Fire Safety Act and its Regulations such as:
 - ✓ Change of use
 - ✓ Carrying out fire safety works without approval of plans
 - ✓ Storage of Petroleum and Flammable Material (P&FM) without a valid storage license

Unauthorised Change of Use (COU)



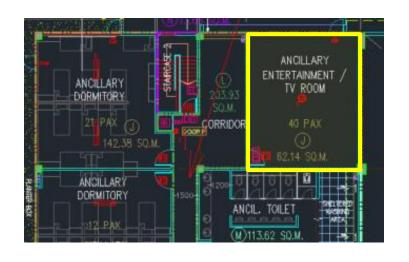
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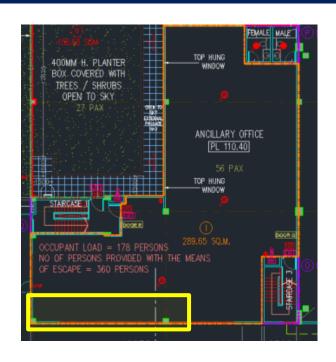


Loading/unloading bay

Unauthorised Change of Use (COU)

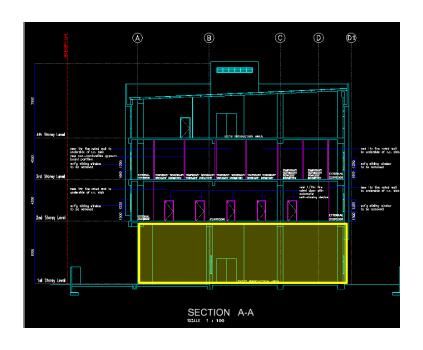






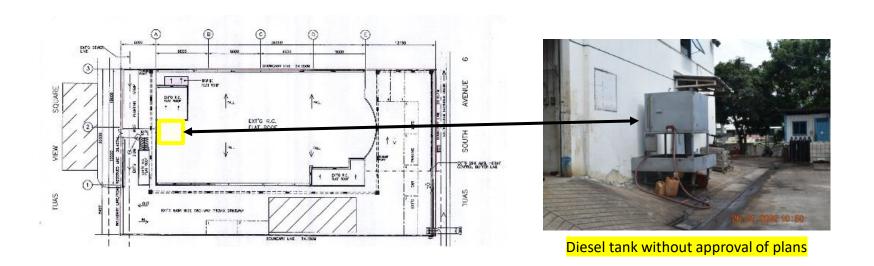


Partitioning works without approval of plans





Mezzanine works without approval of plans





Installation of Kitchen Exhaust

Ducting without approval of plans



Installation of LPG Manifold without approval of plans

Unauthorised Storage of Petroleum & Flammable Material (P&FM)

LPG cylinder



Not more than 200kg of LPG cylinder in eating place

Diesel



Not more than 1,500L of diesel in a factory

Acetylene

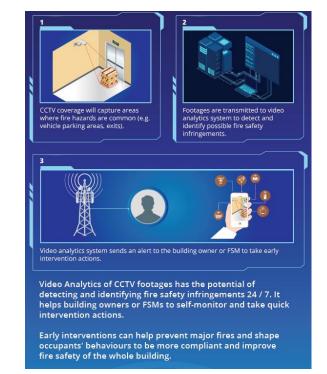


Not more than 10kg in premises



Managing Fire Safety using Technology

- Advances in technology has expanded the functions of CCTV cameras, commonly used for surveillance and security purposes.
- Trials were conducted using CCTVs equipped with video analytics capabilities to detect fire safety infringements. Alerts can be sent to relevant parties (e.g. FSMs, building owners) to take immediate interventions.





Managing Fire Safety using Technology

- These initiatives provide means for early intervention, which helps to shape the behaviour of building occupants and the public, to be more aware of the implications of their actions and prevent recurrence.
- By harnessing the power of VA systems, occupants can ensure a fire-safe environment for our community through proactive and advanced fire hazard detection and mitigation.







Thank you

