

From Insight to Action:

LEVERAGING ANALYTICS FOR SIF PREVENTION IN MINING

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- ✓ *400 + Organisations*
- ✓ *40 Countries*
- ✓ *Broad industry experience*
- ✓ *Dedicated team of Organisational Psychologists*
- ✓ *Deep expertise in critical risk management*



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“Safety is not the absence of accidents. Safety is the presence of defenses.”

— DR TODD CONKLIN

Yin & Yang

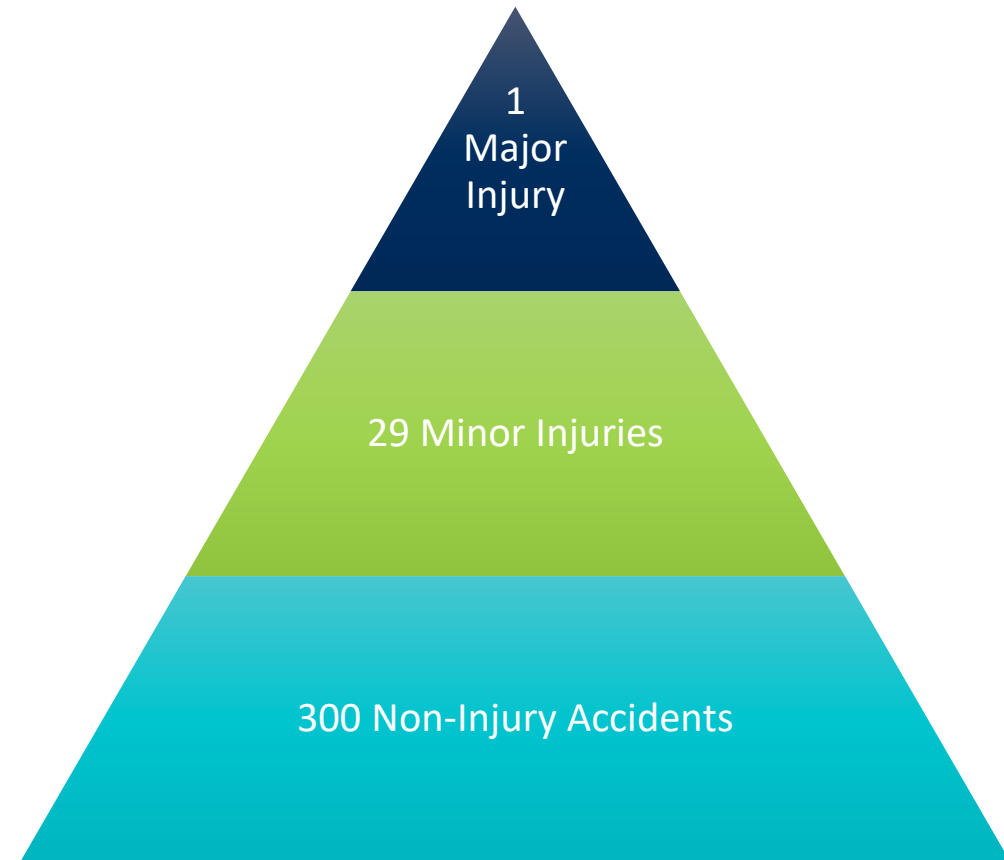
Yin and yang (English: /jɪn/, /jæŋ/), also yinyang[or yin-yang], is a concept that originated in Chinese philosophy, describing opposite but interconnected, mutually perpetuating forces.



Recordable Incidents

- Many schools of thought (i.e. Zero Harm)
- Randomness of data
- Heinrich's Safety Triangle

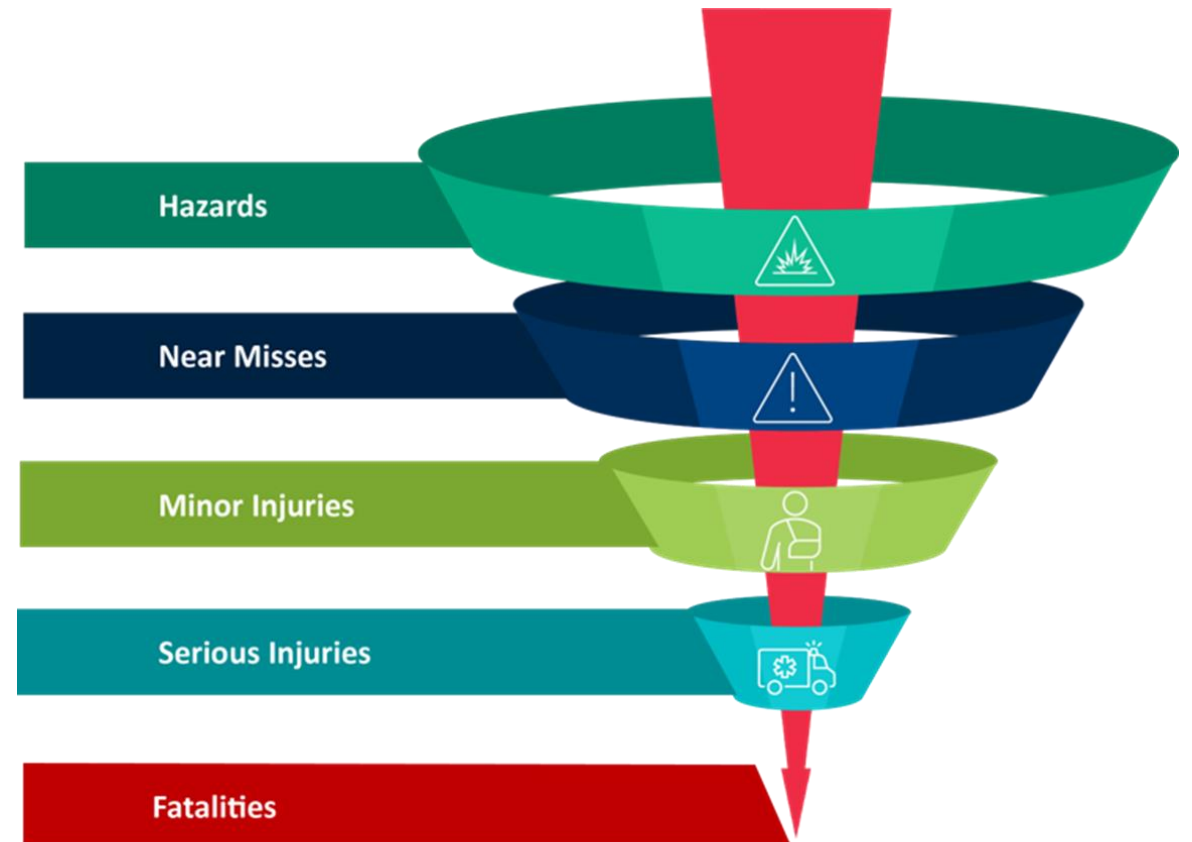
BUT there is value in learning from lag data such as recordable injuries



HEINRICH'S SAFETY TRIANGLE

Learning from SIFp events

- What is a SIFp?
- A healthy culture of reporting is critical to enable organizational learning
- Industry study
 - TRIFR reducing but rate of SIF incidents increasing
 - found that up to 20% of all incidents have the potential to be a SIF.
- Use as a leading indicator for exposure to SIFp and enhancing critical control management



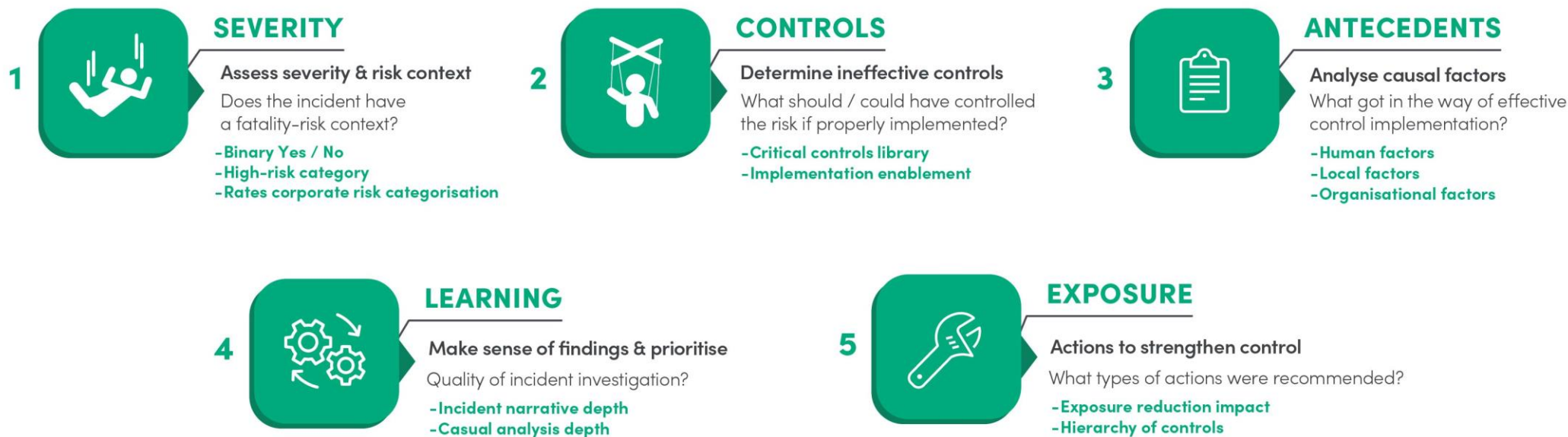
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The **Meta Incident Analysis™** approach is underpinned by a contemporary causal analysis framework called SCALE®. This enables a comprehensive and repeatable approach to understand opportunities to improve high risk work through strengthening (critical) controls, human factors as well as broader organisational and system factors.



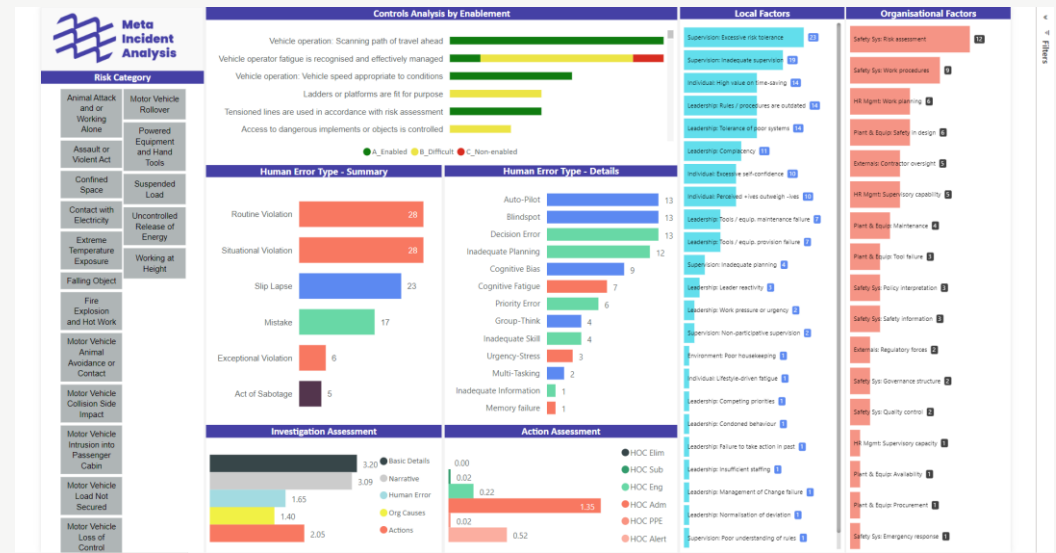
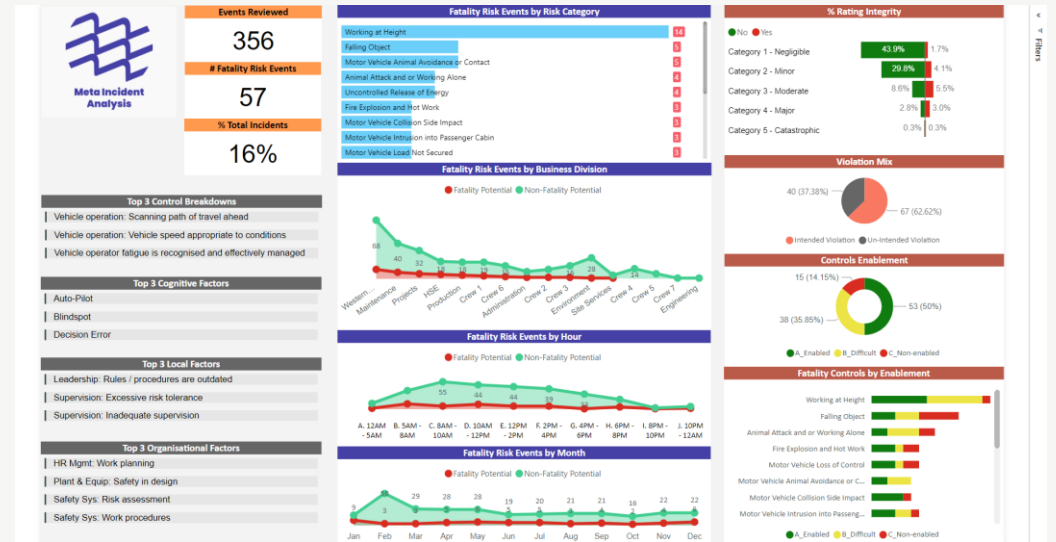
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Analytics Dashboard

We perform a structured and comprehensive analysis of your incidents and near miss events to provide dashboard reporting and drill-down data analysis via a customised PowerBI interface:

- SIF risk category and incident frequency
- Critical control integrity and enablement within risk categories
- Contributing factor analysis (human, operational and organisational factor)
- Investigation Quality and Action Assessment
- Chronological and geographical analysis



Client Context

An aerial photograph of a mining site. A wide, winding dirt road curves through a deep, rocky excavation. A large yellow haul truck, filled with dark material, is driving on the road. The surrounding rock walls are layered and textured, showing signs of geological strata. The overall scene is industrial and rugged.

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What Was Analysed



659 incidents and near miss events from 2018 to early 2023 were reviewed for severity potential.



93 incidents were considered potential Serious Injury & Fatality (SIF) events and were then subject to detailed analysis.



Triangulate with Safety Climate Diagnostics, Critical Risk System Reviews

Poll

WHAT PROPORTION OF YOUR INCIDENTS COULD BE, IF NOT FOR LUCK, A SIFP INCIDENT?

1. 1 in 2 (50%)

4. 1 in 5 (20%)

2. 1 in 3 (33%)

5. 1 in 10 (10%)

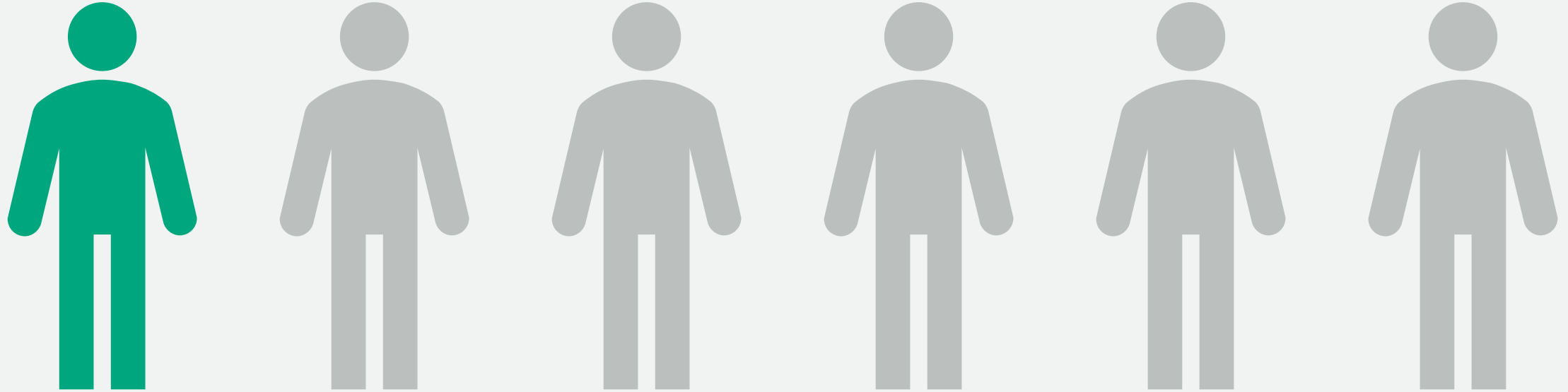
3. 1 in 4 (25%)

6. 1 in 20 (5%)

Unpacking the Data

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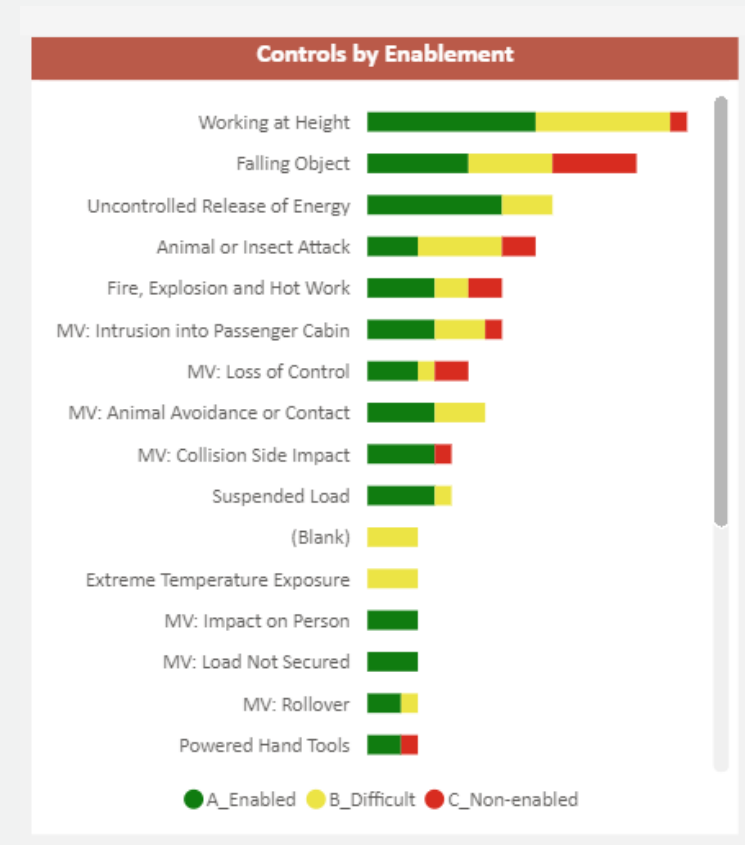
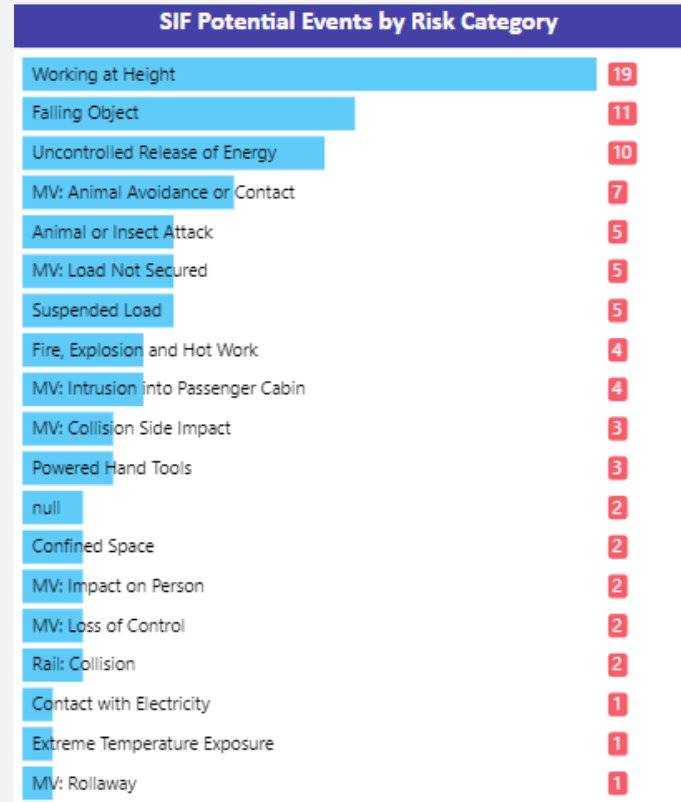
In 2018,



1 in **6** incidents had serious injury fatality potential

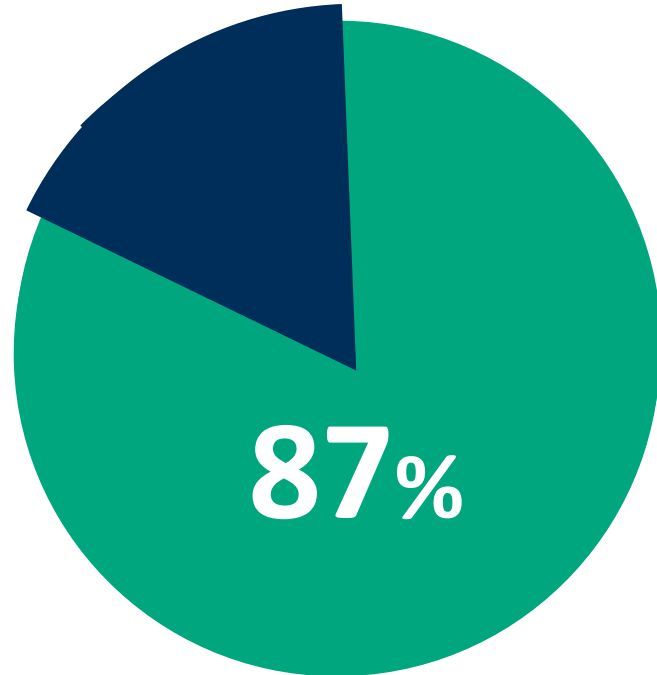
High Risk Work Exposure

- 1 Working at Height
- 2 Falling Object
- 3 Motor Vehicle
- 4 Uncontrolled Release of Energy



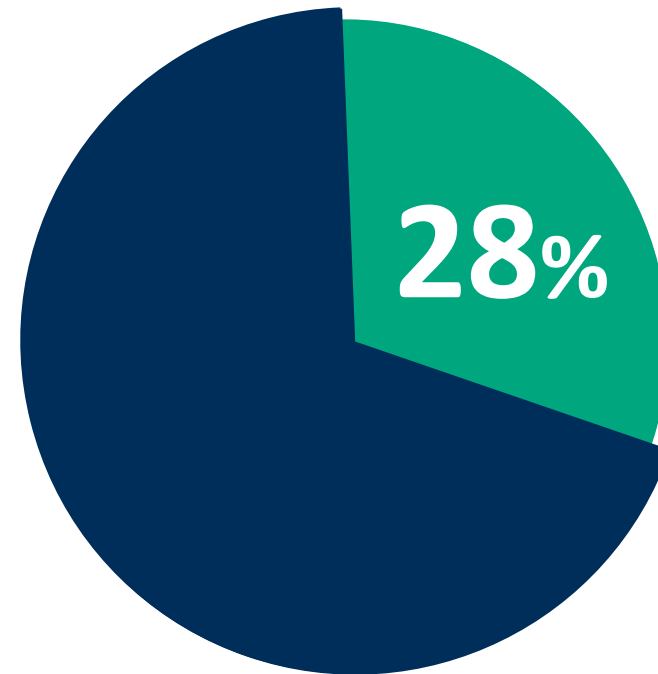
Categorisation

% of SIFp incidents internally rated
Low/Moderate risk



Risk matrix approach to internal rating of severity potential underplays the real risk, which means many incidents fly under the radar.

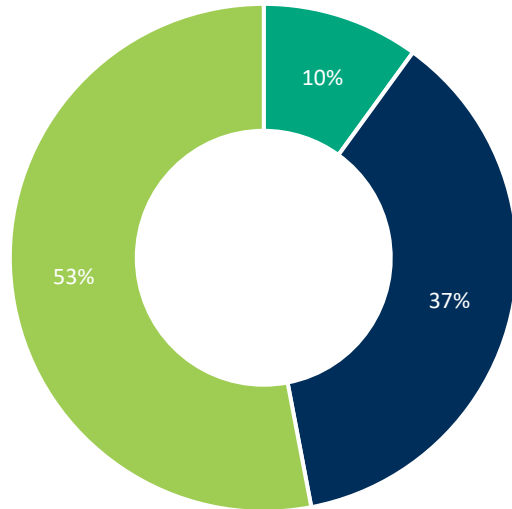
% of incidents rated **High or Major Risk**
were non-SIFp



On the flip side, several incidents may have been over-emphasised or attracted unwarranted attention and/or investigation depth.

Control enablement

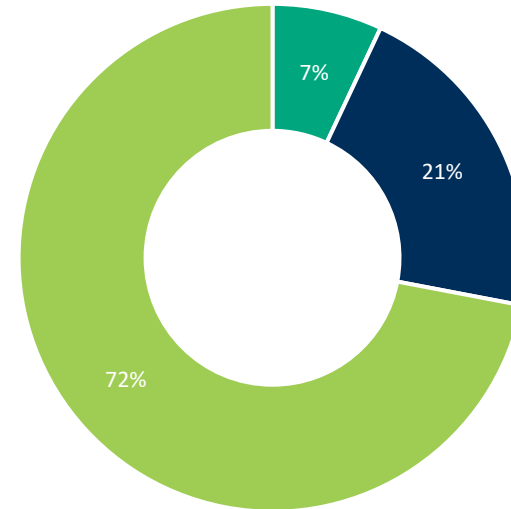
Non-Vehicle Incident Controls



■ Non-enabled ■ Difficult ■ Enabled

52 of 110 SIF incidents involved some degree of control implementation.

Vehicle Incident Controls



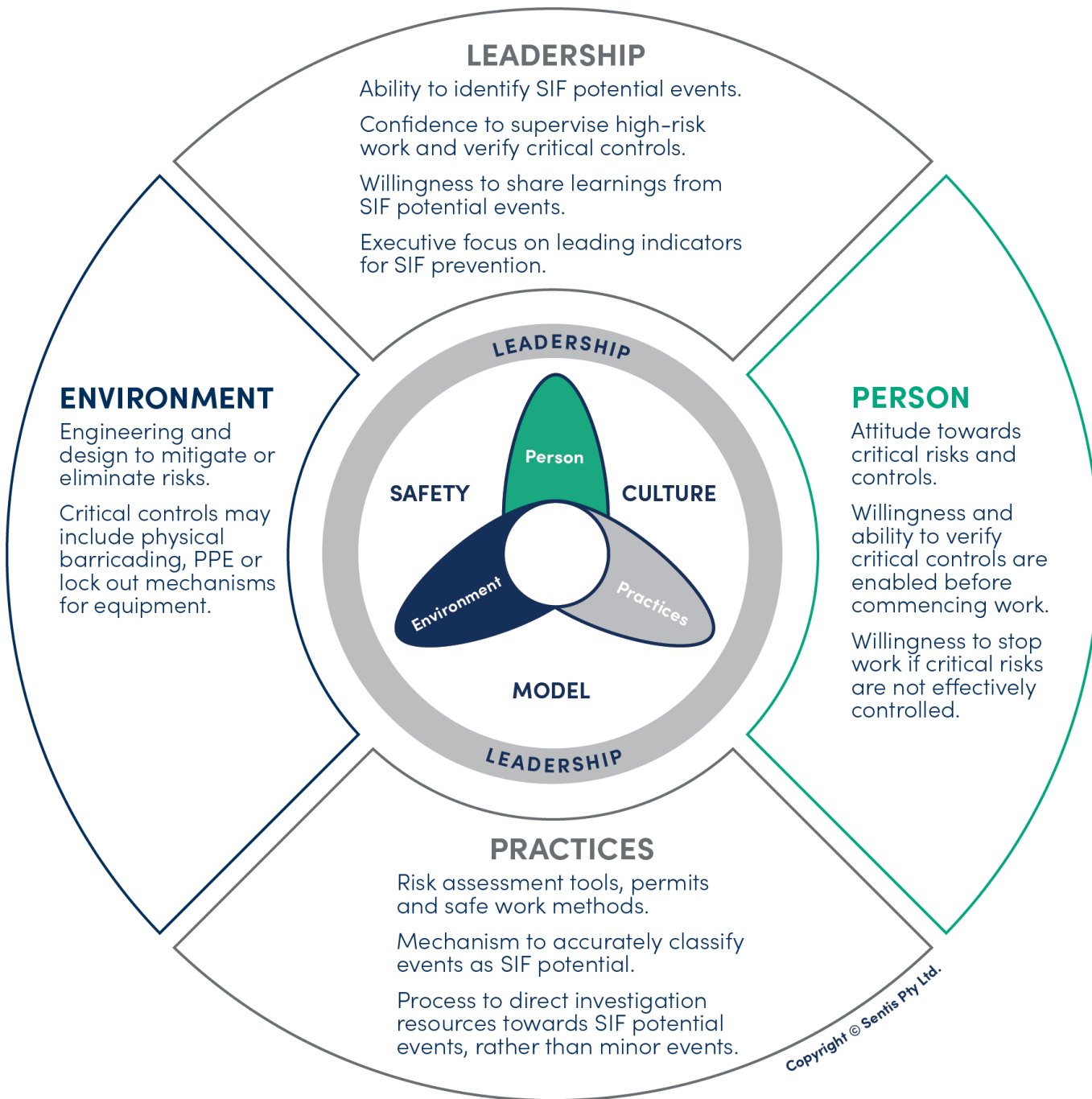
■ Non-enabled ■ Difficult ■ Enabled

16 of 57 SIF incidents involved some degree of control implementation difficulty.

Client Strategy

A middle-aged man with grey hair, a goatee, and glasses is sitting at a desk in an office. He is wearing a light blue button-down shirt and is smiling while looking at a laptop. His hands are on the keyboard, and he is holding a red pen. The background is a blurred office environment with other desks and chairs.

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THE SAFETY CULTURE MODEL & CRM SYSTEM

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What did the organisation do?



Redesign their Critical Risk Framework

Bow Tie Workshops

Enhanced Critical Control Performance Standards

Increase role clarity and engagement of workforce

Introduced new leading indicators




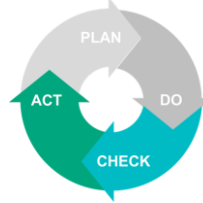

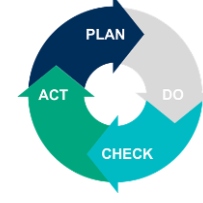

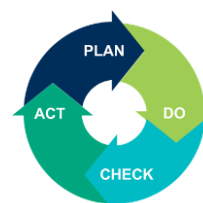
Provide coaching in the field

Assurance of the data reporting to increase reliability

Focus on Improving Effectiveness of Critical Controls



The CRM System by Roles & Actions

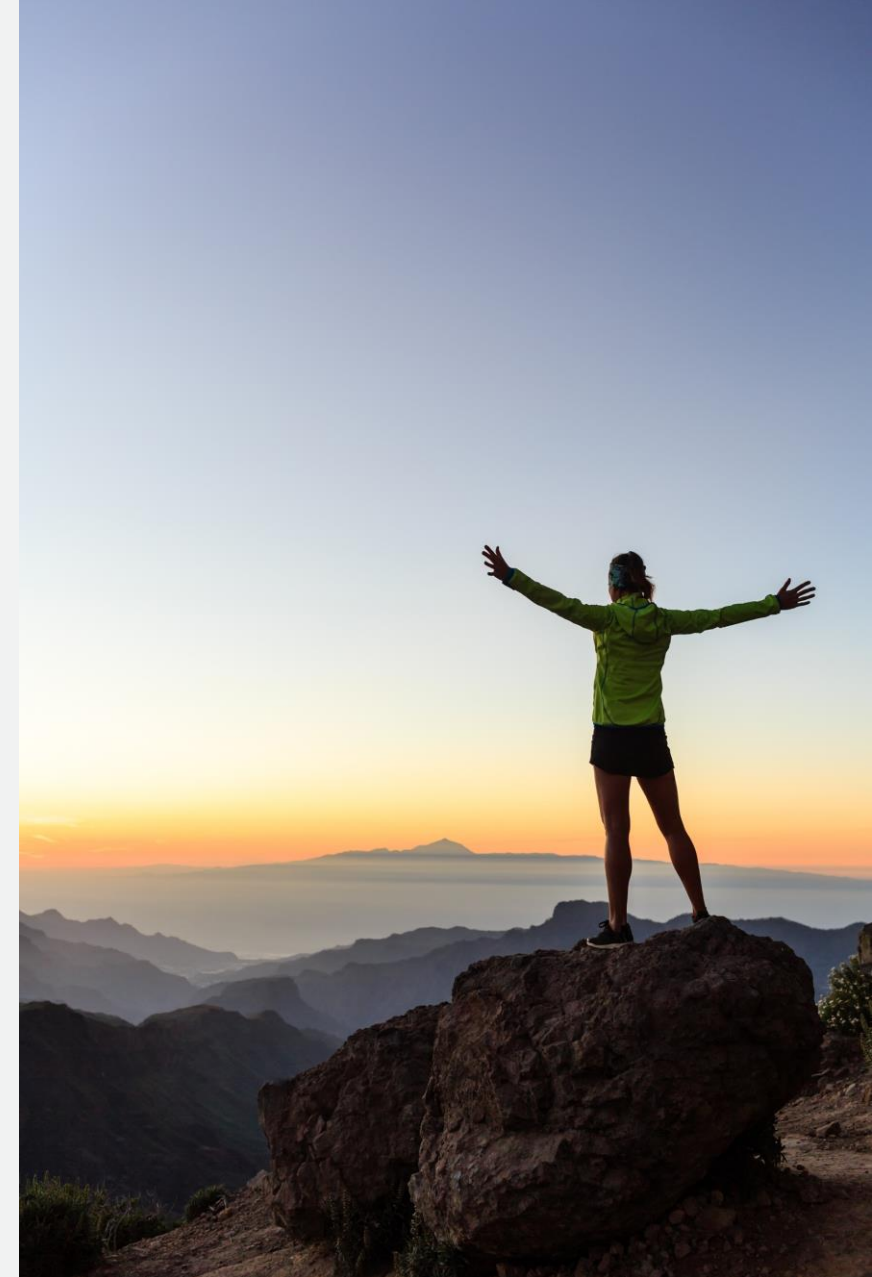
WHO	SYSTEM	WHAT	HOW
 Crew / Contractors		Implements controls task-by-task (<i>Have I...?</i>)	JSA, Permit, SWMs, SLAM
 Front line leaders		Verify controls are in place and effective shift-by-shift (<i>Has my team...?</i>)	Critical Control Verifications (CCV) & Pre-starts
 Leaders / Risk Owners		Owens the risk and evaluates the controls (<i>Have we...?</i>)	Critical Control Deep Dives, CCV, Audit
 H&S team		CRM support to operations	All tools

Did we set our team up for success?

ENABLED: did they have the procedures, knowledge, skills, equipment and work environment to effectively implement the critical controls?

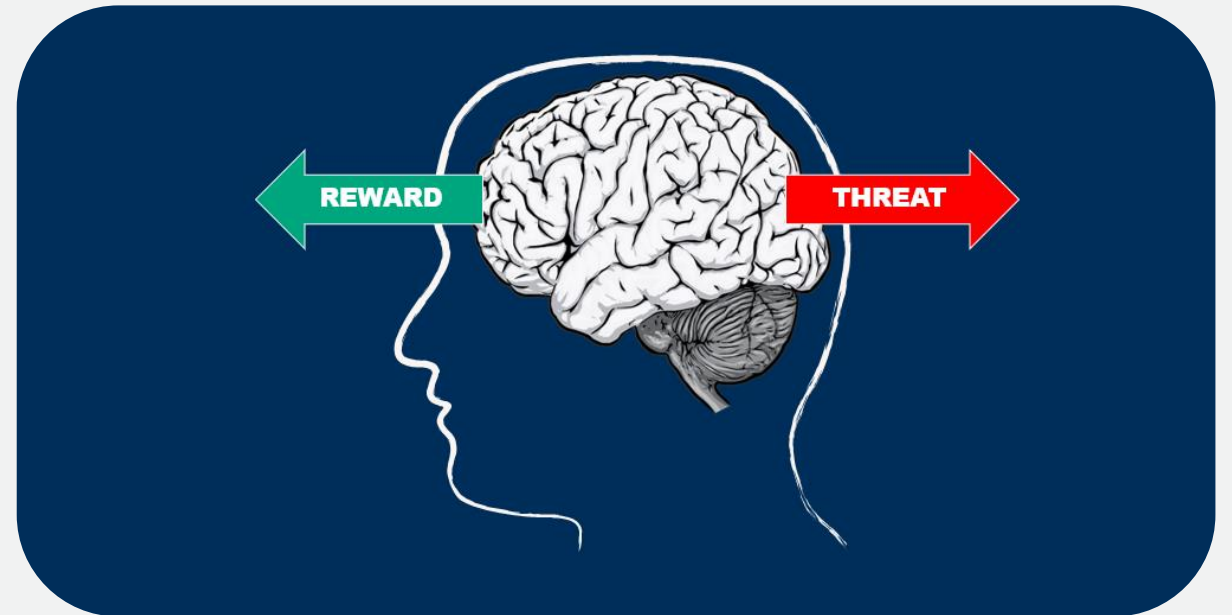
DIFFICULT: can the task be controlled but takes extra effort or increased resources? Are the local conditions and operating context prompting a 'work around'?

NON-ENABLED: is it reasonable to expect the person to be able to control the risk in the context of local or organisational factors?



What 'threat' frames might exist?

- What are the frames your teams may have around CRM in general?
- How might your team members be framing the possible outcomes of CCVs?



Key brain limitations that may impact the team



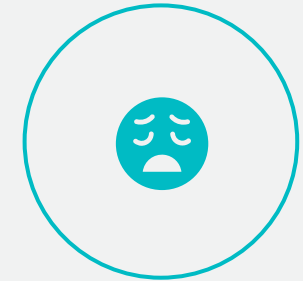
Autopilot



Blind Spots



Cognitive Bias



Fatigue

“..to err is human..”

Critical Control Verifications

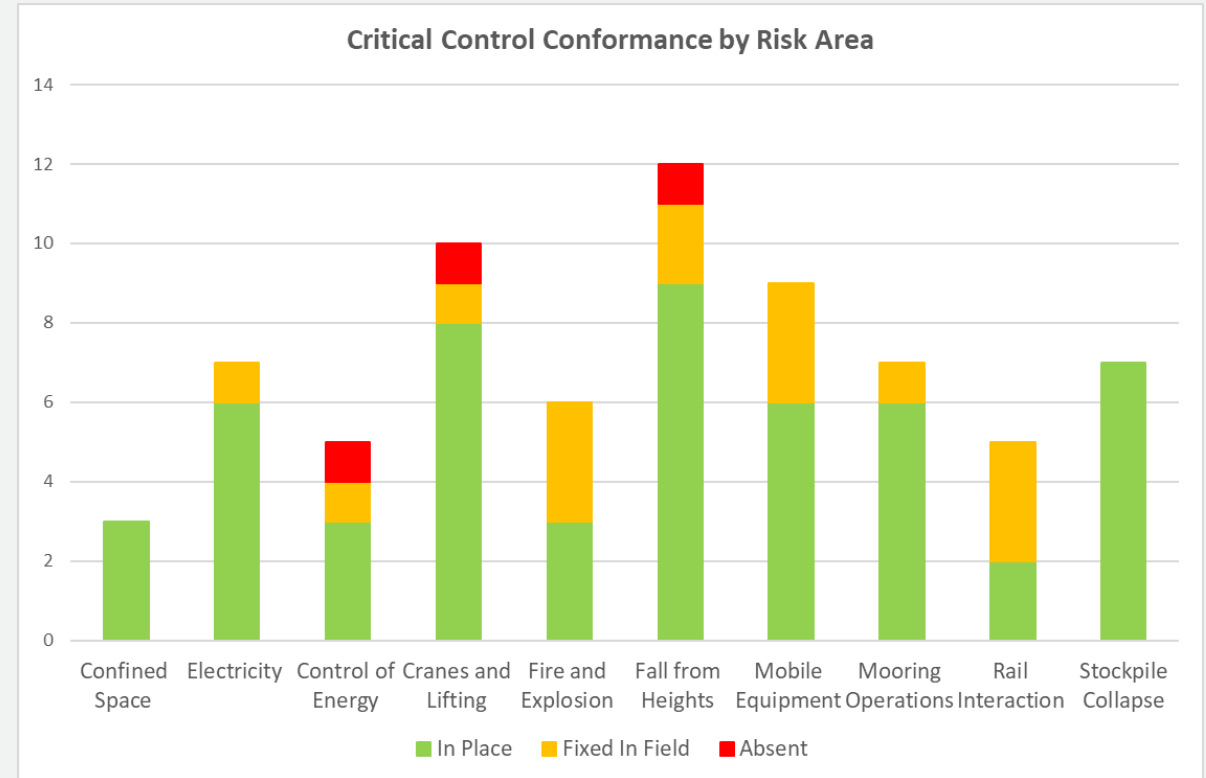
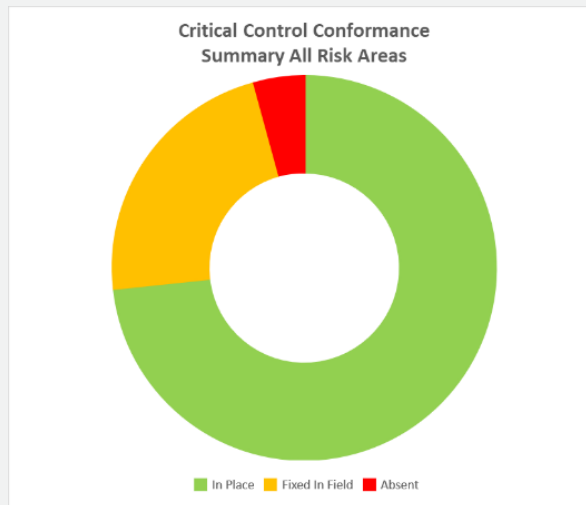
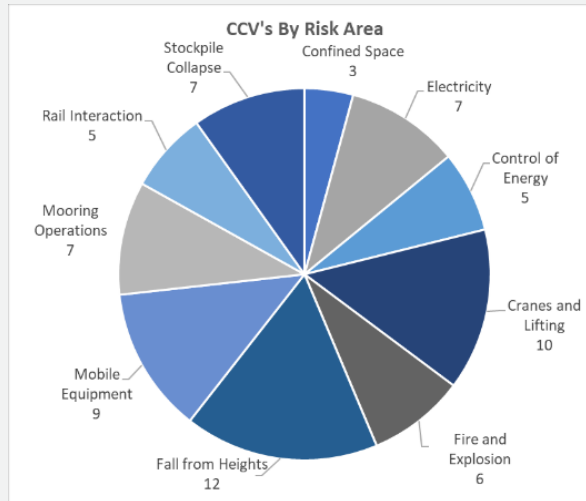
71
CCV's
Completed

92
% Scheduled CCV's
Completed

23
% CCV's
Unscheduled

73%
Control
Conformance

8
Actions
Raised



Poll

WHERE DO YOU FEEL YOU COULD IMPROVE CRITICAL CONTROL MANAGEMENT WITHIN YOUR ORGANISATION?

1. Data analytics
2. Workforce engagement
3. Leading indicators
4. Identifying critical controls
5. Learning from SIFp incidents
6. Other

Impact

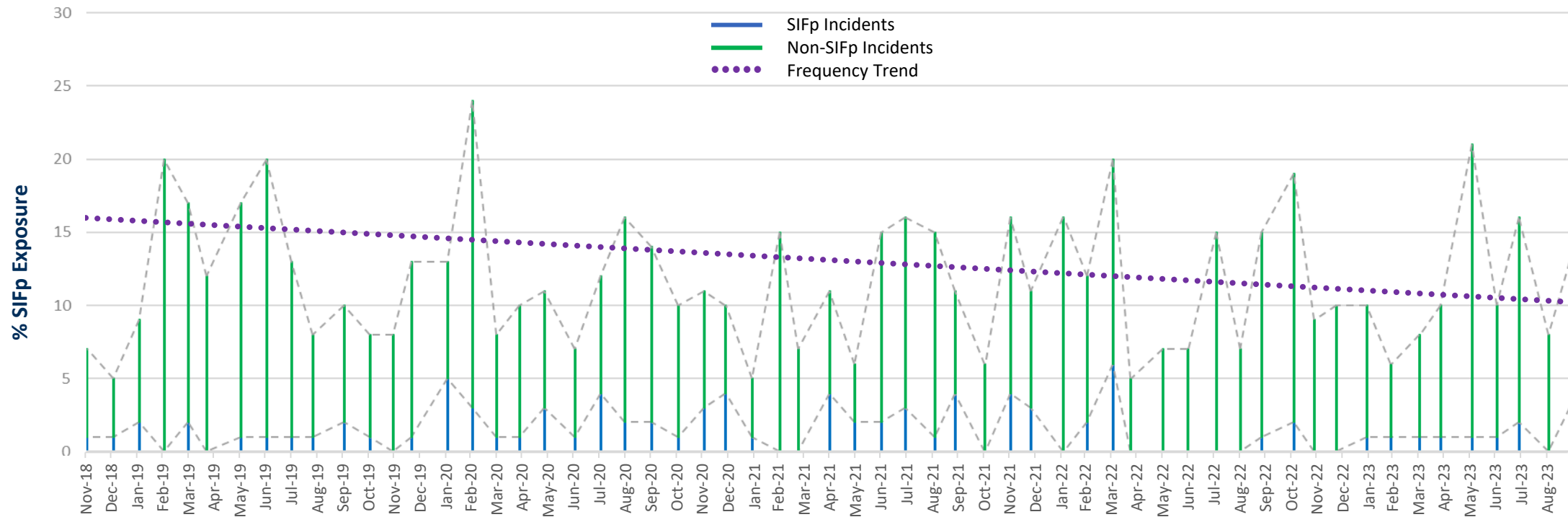


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SIFp exposure 2019-2023

SIFP EXPOSURE HAS TRENDED DOWN FROM NEAR 16.3% TO 10.8% OVER 4 YEARS



Notes:

Global SIFp Exposure rate benchmark equates to ~20%*

In 2024,



1 in **9** near miss incidents had fatality potential

Where to next for this organisation?



Use near miss and CCV data to improve effectiveness of controls



Increase quality and coverage of verifications across risk areas



Consider redesign of work or greater cross-checks within high-risk work to prevalence of human error



Enhance engagement of risk owners



Review risk assessment process and enhance investigation capability

A positive approach to critical control assurance

Organisations with a positive approach to critical control assurance recognise that alignment and maturity across their business are required. These are characterised by:

- 1 a shared understanding of critical risk activities
- 2 leadership focus on SIFp (learning) and CCVs (proactive control effectiveness)
- 3 leverage lead and lag data to provide insights and prioritisation for exposure management
- 4 foster a culture of psychological safety, learning and reporting
- 5 increase reliability and assurance of reporting

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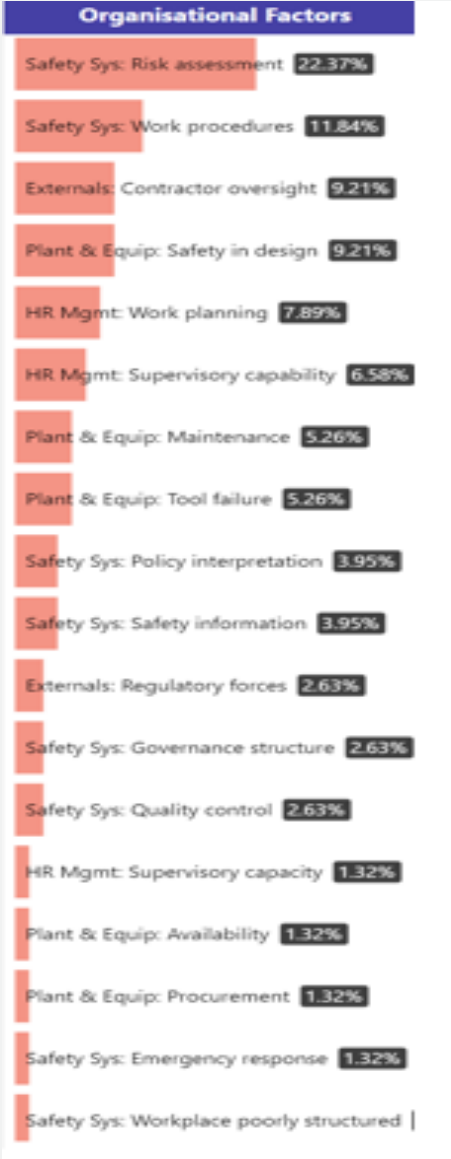
Q&A

OVER TO YOU



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Were there any insights from the data analysis related to human error or non-compliance to engineering, maintenance or safety standards and procedures, and can you share these in the webinar.



Comparative Findings (2020-2021 v 2022-2023)



SIFp Events

Overall SIFp frequency dropped from 2.1/mth to 1.4/mth



Control Enablement

Controls enablement improved from 50% to 77%

Intentional 'workarounds' dropped from 61% to 36%



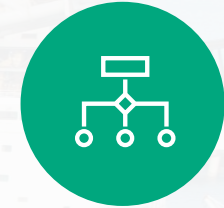
Human Error factors

Continue to see workers being in autopilot and having natural slips/lapses – need to redesign work and/or enhance CCVs



Operational Factors

Individual (high) risk tolerance and need for enhanced work planning remain significant themes



Organisational Factors

Procedural integrity and risk assessment capability were the **two most significant issues** in 2020-2021 – and in 2022-2023.