



Helping Businesses Make OSH Risk Decisions

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Prepare the information management needs for risk prioritization

Agenda / Objectives



Measure continual improvement of your "Risk Assessment Process"



Gain management's trust in the safety professional's Prioritization

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Management's Business Role



Businesses are in business to Take Risks!

5 Myths of Risk Decision Making

- Goals of "0" incidents and "Acceptable Risk" can coexist
- 2. "Normalization of Risk" does not occur here
- 3. Severity and Likelihood are equal
- 4. Admin and PPE work as well as Engineering and other higher-level Treatments
- 5. Risk Reductions always achieve acceptable risk



Risk Calculations!

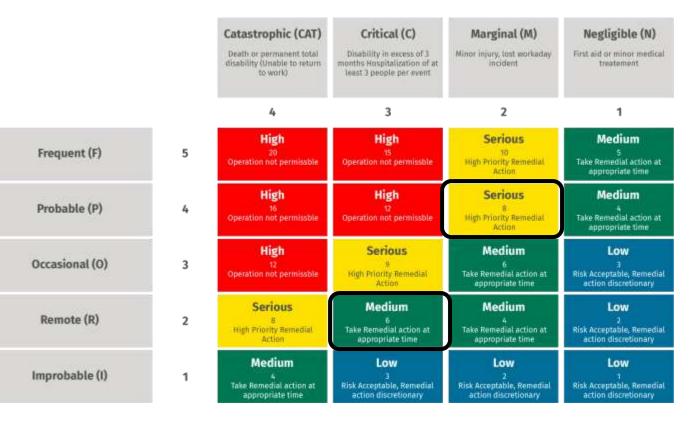
- ★ Severity
 - ★ Occurrence
 - ★ Event
- ★ Likelihood
 - ★ Frequency
 - ★ Duration
 - ★ Population
- Hierarchy of Risk Treatment (Control)



Includes treatments and controls in the calculation!

Risk Prioritization

Severity of Injury or Illness



Vetted Definitions. Options. With ROI/CBA

Likelihood/Probability of Occurence or Exposure

Risk Decision Making Quiz

True or False

- ★ All activities can be at acceptable risk levels.
 - ★ False, unless you artificially take greater credit for low level hierarchy of Risk Treatment
- ★ Severity is of greater impact that likelihood.
 - ★ True. Although equal partners, Severity impacts businesses more than frequency
- ★ Admin and PPE controls can reduce severity
 - ★ False. Neither reduces the energy or the incident/event itself.
- ★ Management Wants Options
 - ★ False. Management Wants Data

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Risk Assessments

ASSP TR-31010-2020

Technical Report: Risk Management – Techniques for Safety Practitioners

Process, Process, Process

Risk Management

- Collaboration and Engagement of Stakeholders
- ★ Assign, Monitor, Review and Improve
- Integrated Decision Making
 - ★ Pre
 - ★ Active
 - ★ Post



Audit (Gap Analysis) the process
-ISO 19011

Terminology

- ★ Uncertainty
- ★ Opportunities and Threats
- ★ Key Risk Performance Measures
- ★ Roles, Responsibilities and Accountabilities
 - ★ Risk Owner (accountability and authority)
 - ★ Risk Leaders/Champions (implementation)
- ★ Critical Success Factors
 - ★ Go wrong, needs to go right?
- ★ Control Detectability and Improvement

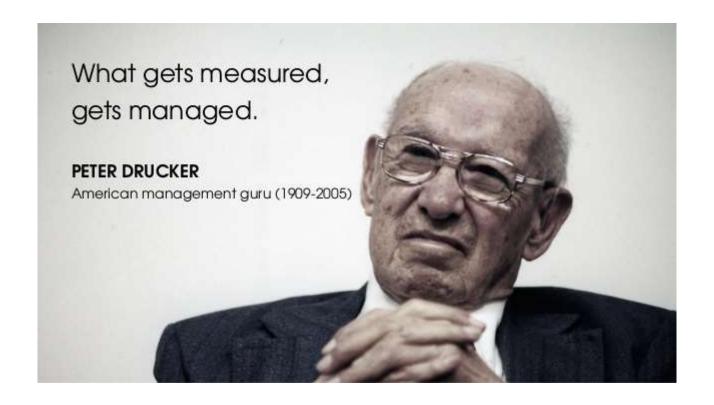
Use Standard Business Terminology

Metrics

★ Measure the Right People on the Right Things



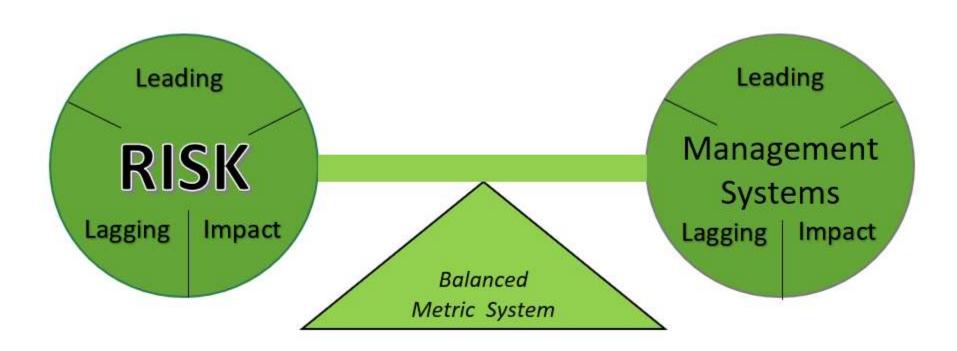
Measure What Matters



What gets celebrated gets done well!

"Balanced" Set of Metrics

< **ANSI Z 16**



What hazard / risk is most significant, control least effective?

What Management System Element will most greatly contribute to Risk Reduction?

Leading Lagging Risk

Impact

"Set" of Process (Logic) Metrics:

Pop overexposed Input (Leading) HCP\$ Impact Hearing (Lagging) Loss STS Outcome **New Controls** (Lagging) Risk Activity Conformance Assessments (Leading) Rate Output "Set" of Leading Metrics better influences and predicts 'Outcomes' (Leading)

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Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

- ★ Plan to timeline (report)
 - ★ Corrective Actions (new and better controls)
 - ★ Every Department has continual improvement objective!
 - Higher level controls get more points!
- ★ Are controls being followed
 - ★ Conformance rates (From inspections and Observations)
 - ★ Trends of non-conformances
- ★ Lessons Learned
 - ★ What went well?
 - ★ Done differently?

Measure the right part of the organization on the right things

Measuring the Right Things

Are Process metrics and Logic metrics the same thing?

TRUE

Are more leading metrics better than just a few?

3. Which is more important, measuring inputs, activities or outputs?

DEPENDS

4. Risk reduction is best measured by the fewer # of accidents?

FALSE, although this is a lagging metric

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Prioritization

- ★ Each Department, Know their top three risks
 - ★ Loss analysis
 - ★ Risk assessment
 - ★ Data such as conformance rate and nonconforming trends
- ★ Each Department explore new and better controls (Hierarchy)
- ★ Track all the metrics
- Publish and Celebrate (worker recognition)!
- Make part of OHS Performance Appraisal for Mgmt.

Business Decisions

1. Business OSH decisions made to meet regulations and risks can achieve "0" accidents?

False

2. Businesses make decisions based on feelings vs data?

False

The more <u>Leading Data and Metrics</u> you have, the more management will trust that OSH can influence results.

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