

# **Corporate Safety Governance**

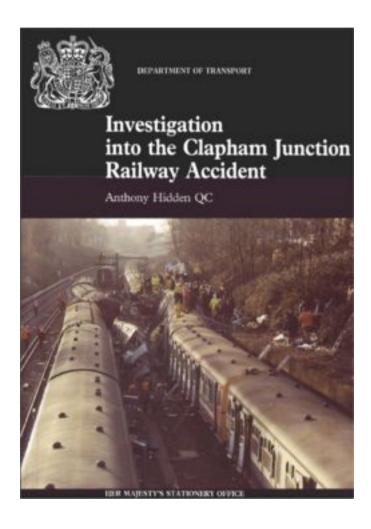
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#### **Outline**

- Where safety governance had failed
- Corporate safety governance key features and stakeholders
- Establishing safety governance
- Assuring safety governance

## Where governance had failed



Investigation into the Clapham Junction Railway Accident:Chapter 17 - Where things went wrong

"It has to be said that a concern for safety which is sincerely held and repeatedly expressed but, nevertheless, is not carried through into action, is as much protection from danger as no concern at all"

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## Where governance had failed





`1987 mv Herald of Free Enterprise' (formal investigation). London: HMSO, Report of Court No 8074

> "All concerned in management, from the members of the board of directors down to the junior superintendents, were guilty of fault in that all must be regarded as sharing responsibility for the failure of management. From top to bottom the body corporate was infected with the disease of sloppiness".



### Where governance had failed





Investigation into the King's Cross Underground Fire: Chapter 14 – The auditing of safety

"In my view it is imperative that a holding company charged with ensuring safety of operation should discharge its duty fully. It is not acceptable that it should try to discharge that duty by delegating it to its subsidiary, coupled with maintaining a loose supervision by having on the Board of the main company a director of the subsidiary company."

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#### **Corporate governance**

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(from Wikipedia, the free encyclopaedia)



#### Corporate governance

#### **Key features**

- Sets strategic direction and leads;
- Sets values and standards;
- Sets management objectives, ensures availability of resources, defines boundaries & respective authorities;
- Reviews performance against defined accountabilities;
- Maintains oversight on internal controls;
- Ensures obligations to stakeholders (including shareholders) are met.



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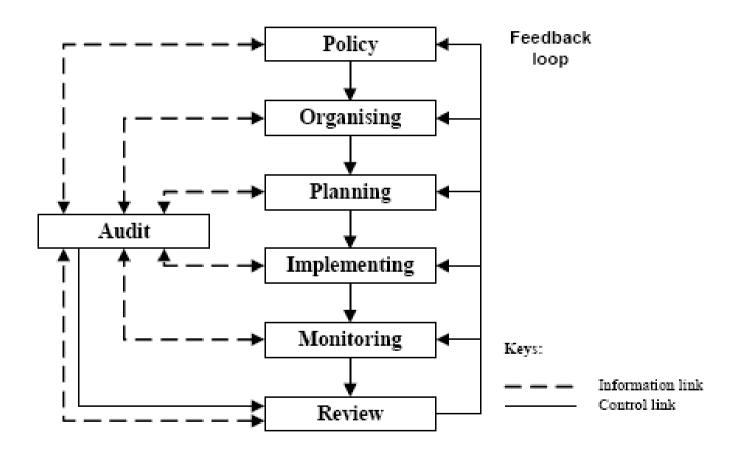


### **Establishing safety governance**

- Degree of oversight, level of control
- Efficiency of organisational feedback loop;
- Board members' / directors' understanding of safety management issues;
- Corporate safety culture
- Nature of business integrating safety management with business partners and subsidiaries
- Provision and distribution of safety management expertise (often associated with costs issues)
- Standard setter .vs. implementor .vs. verifier



### **HSG 65 framework for managing H&S**



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# **Establishing safety governance**

HSG65 elements	Minimal	Light	Moderate	Substantial	Centralised
Policy					
Organising					
Planning					
Implementing					
Monitoring					
Reviewing					
Auditing					

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### **Establishing safety governance - Policy**

#### **Corporate Safety Policy**

Safety of our customers, the public, contractors and employees is an absolute pre-requisite. MTR Corporation is committed to consistently meeting statutory requirements, maintaining a safety-first culture, employing management systems to achieve MTR Corporation's safety goals for continuous improvement in safety performance in all aspects of the business.

Safety demands active involvement by all. It is the responsibility and duty of everyone and should be foremost at all times in everything we do. Safety management is the responsibility of each director, manager and supervisor. All employees have a duty to protect our customers, the public, contractors, colleagues and themselves.

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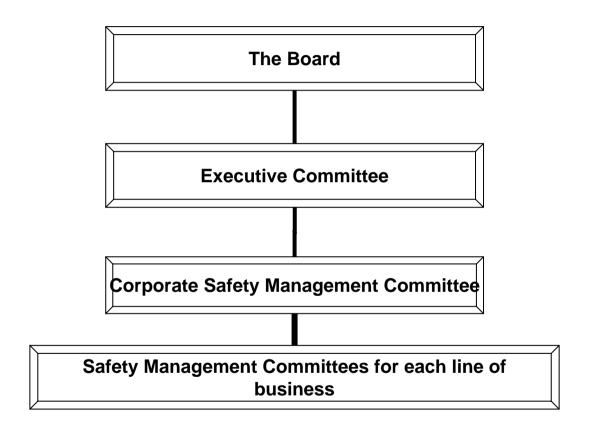


- Setting the scene for standards, culture, approach;
- Goal setting approach for continuous improvement
- Active involvement by all
- *Line* management's responsibility

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#### **Establishing safety governance - Organisation**



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### Cascading from committees to individuals

- Operations Safety Committee sets policy & strategy
- Five sub-committees
- Line management directly responsible for safety
- Safety & Quality Department provides advices and supports, facilitates and carries out audits
- At least one item in the individual Key
   Objectives should be safety-related
- Safety Responsibility Statement/Card for everybody

#### 你的安全責任

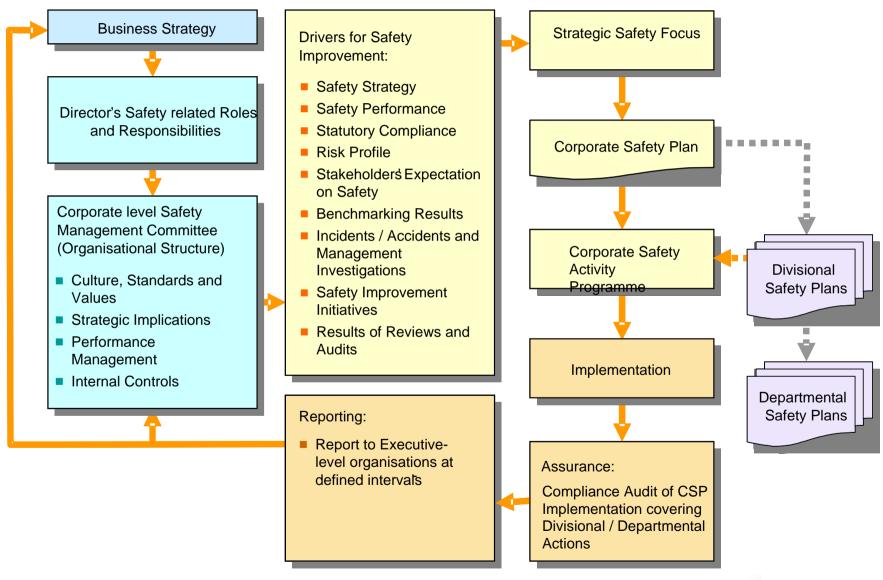
- 一. 了解公司的安全政策聲明。
- 二. 清楚理解並嚴格遵守有關的職業健康 及安全法例、公共健康及衛生指引、 保安規則,以及有關的工作程序與指 令。
- 三. 除獲授權外,不得使用或操作工具、 機械或設備。
- 四. 注意工作安全,尤其是工作姿勢 及人力提舉與變運,慎防意外發生。
- 配戴適當的個人防護衣物或裝備。
- 六. 熟悉火警逃生路線和程序。一旦發生 火警,立即通知其他人及前往指定集 合地點。
- 七、主動與上司討論安全及保安事項。
- 八. 遇有不尋常的情況、意外或保安事故,必須立即呈報。
- 支持及參與安全活動,建立良好的安全文化。



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### Assuring corporate safety governance





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