



Case Study: Implementing Chain of Responsibility (CoR) in Fleet Management

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Chain of
Responsibility
(CoR)
Implementation
Case Study

High Level CoR Overview and CoR Case Study

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Do you believe you have a role or responsibility within the Chain of Responsibility (CoR) framework?

Yes - 24 votes

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CoR High Level Overview

Main Duties, Parties, Principles & SMS



Primary Safety Duty



Chain of Responsibility

(Heavy Vehicles >4.5t GVM)

Parties in the chain must, as far as reasonably practical, ensure the safety of the transport activities

Parties in the Chain of Responsibility

Employer of driver

Contractor of selfemployed driver

Operator of vehicle

Scheduler of goods, passengers & work times

Consignor/consignee of goods in vehicle

Packer of goods in vehicle

Loader/ Unloader Loading Manager



Transport Activities are

The business practices and making decisions, associated with the use of a heavy vehicle on a road including...



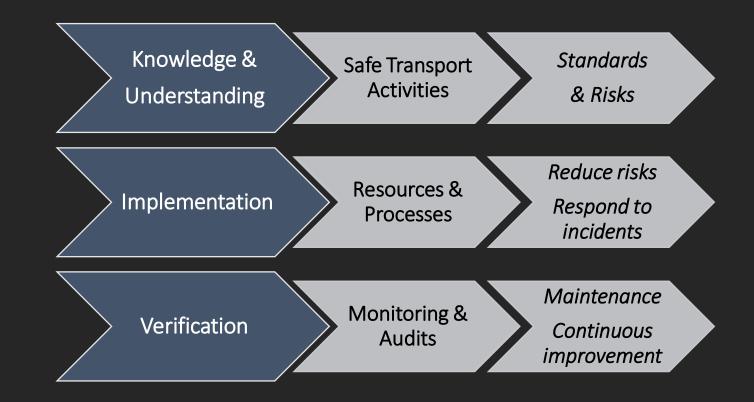
Contracting & procedures

Due Diligence Duty for Execs & Managers



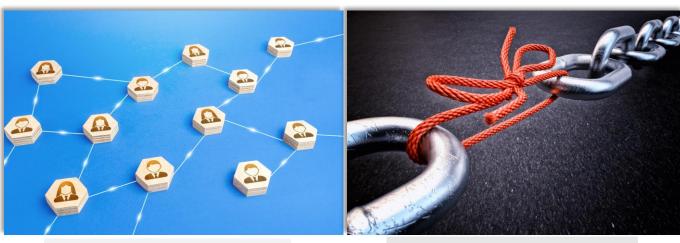
Execs & Managers have Due Diligence Duty to ensure compliance with Primary Safety Duty

Due Diligence Duty



Principles – shared responsibility





shared responsibility

of each party in chain

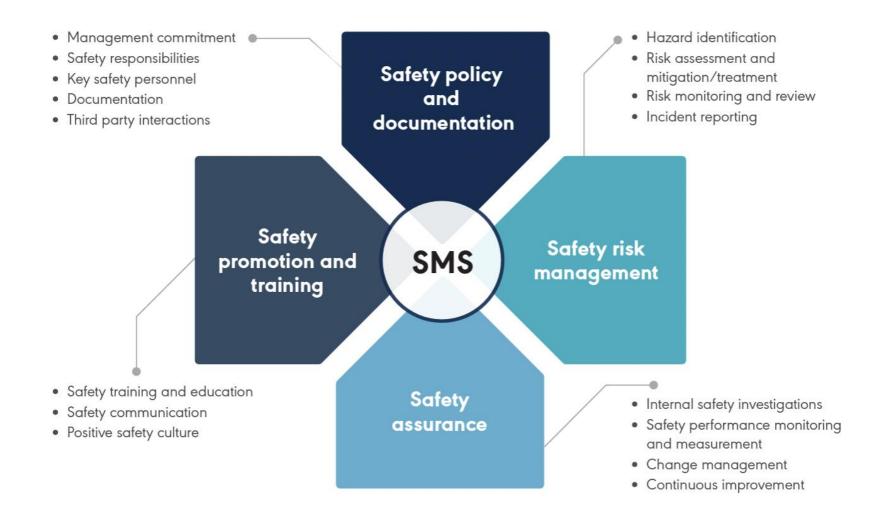
Person's Function

depending on

Public Risk

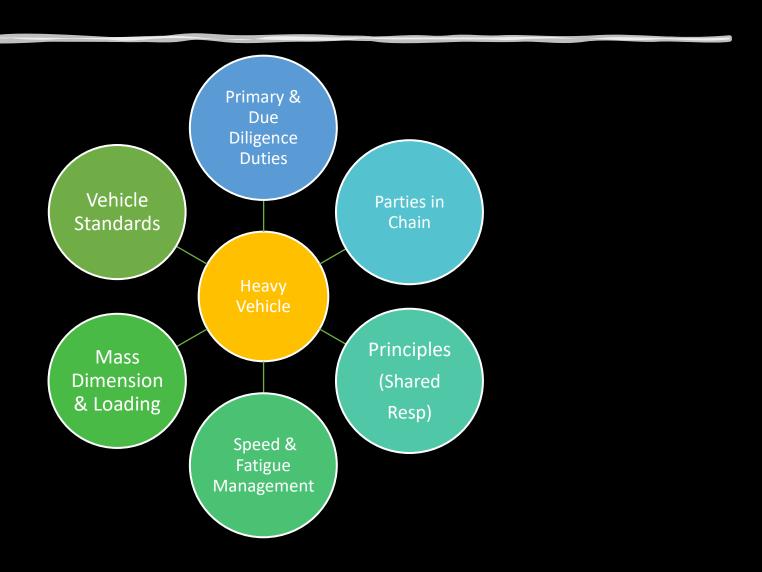
Capacity to Control Risk

Safety Management System



Source: NHVR SMS Fact Sheet

Overview of Key Areas in CoR



CoR Case Study

Themes, Challenges, Issues & Tips

Thank You to Case Study Participants



GOT Services

Equipment Hire & Mechanical Services





Australian Red Cross



Collection of Contributors

(unable to be recognised)

Theme 1 - Extend CoR across Fleet (where practical)



Chain of Responsibility

(Heavy Vehicles >4.5t GVM)

Parties in the chain must, as far as reasonably practical, ensure the safety of the transport activities



WHS legislation

(All vehicles when used for work)

Those conducting the business must ensure, as far as reasonably practical, the safety of workers & others

(put at risk from conduct of the business)

Theme 2 Safety should be Priority

But what about these challenges...

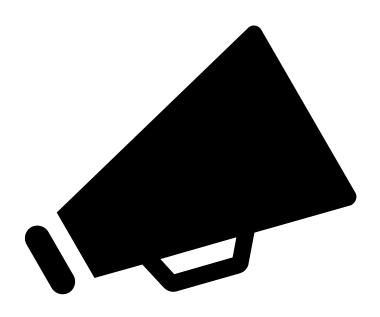
- Competing priorities
- Safety isn't urgent
- Won't happen without an incident
- Needs executive buy-in

Theme 3

Getting Executive
Buy-in

Benefits & Tips





Top-down Consistent Safety Messaging

Executive Buy-in Benefits -



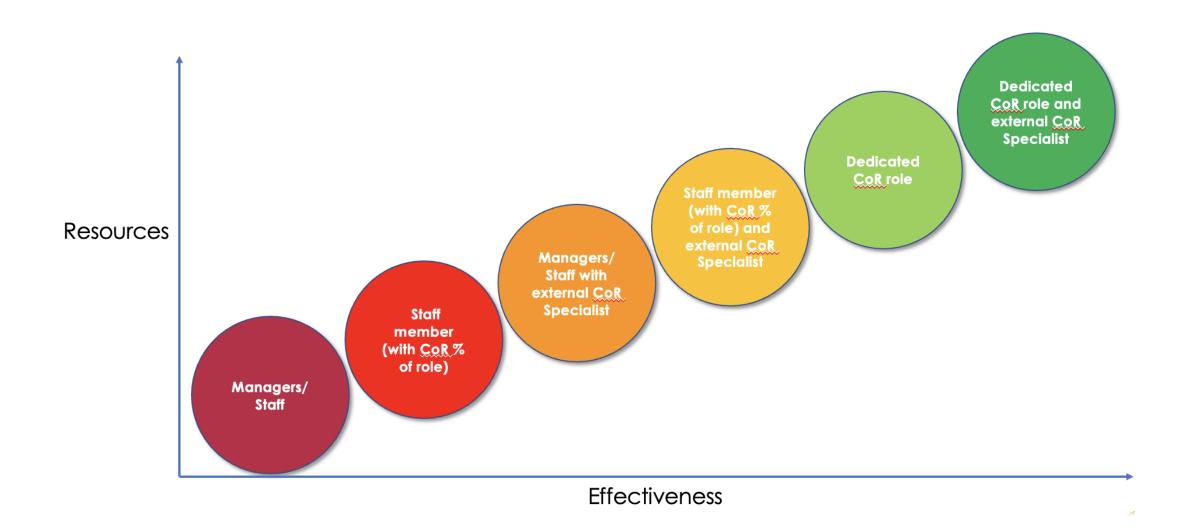
Crucial for safety to permeate the organisation & become embedded as a Safety First culture



'Directors, GM, Branch Managers need to lead & keep everybody talking about safety'

Benefits of Executive Buy-in

Provides Budget & Resources



Tips for getting
Executive
Buy-in &
embedding
safety



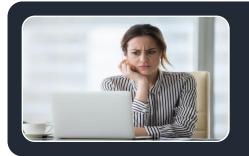
Executive Buy-in Tips — Briefing on Consequences of Non-Compliance



1 Injuries & Incidents



Prosecutions, fines & jail



Reputational damage



Executive Buy-in Tip 3

Put CoR compliance initiatives on Risk Register



Theme 4 - CoR's cross functional nature can make it hard to implement













Tip to assist with CoR's cross functional nature...

Form a Safety Group

To collaborate and report to Executive on Safety & CoR





Theme 5 – Most Suppliers can help with CoR & distinguish themselves from their competitors

- Can be about data requirements for CoR compliance, but not necessarily
- Suppliers Understand CoR to see how your product or service can enhance safety
- Fleet Practitioners
 - Work with your Suppliers
 - Use data by incorporating it into your SMS
 - Use data for Exec reporting



Takeaways - Key Case Study Tips for CoR Compliance



Extend CoR
implementation
across entire
Fleet, where
relevant &
practical



Executive buy-in,
top-down
messaging &
dedicated
resources help
SAFETY to be the
TOP PRIORITY



Get Executive
Buy-in by
briefing on noncompliance
consequences,
using a business
case & the risk
register



Form a Safety
Group with CoR
stakeholders to
aid compliance
across the
organisation



Suppliers have an opportunity to distinguish their offerings by tailoring data & helping more with CoR

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Audience Q&A Session slido

- What's the best way to start on CoR implementation?
- What's your thoughts around commercial light vehicles (<4.5t GVM) aligning with the current COR regulations? Who would enforce the compliance of this new scope?
- Is there a reference to help explain the responsibilities of parties in an organisation?
- Safety and caring should be a value rather than a priority as priorities change!
- Suggestion for COR incident reporting. Change SMS to report all COR events to Executive Officers.... Game changer in improving CoR compliance!
- Another suggestion, map all COR training to position descriptions (COR roles/responsibilities) to trigger mandatory training during onboarding process.
- Do you think all organisations that have fleet over 4.5T should have regular random Drug and alcohol testing?

Session Details

Case Study: Implementing Chain of Responsibility (CoR) in Fleet Management Wed, 24/5

Safety Breakout 2

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