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From: Secretary for Public Service

To : Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries/Departments

World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2022

Annually, the World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2022 is celebrated on 28 April to create awareness among stakeholders on the importance of a risk-free work environment. The theme chosen by the International Labour Organisation for this year's celebration is "**Act together to build a positive safety and health culture**", which purports to explore active and meaningful participation of governments, employers, workers, public health actors and other relevant parties at the national and enterprise level to address new Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) challenges at the workplace. The emphasis will be laid on promoting an inclusive OSH culture across all organisations.

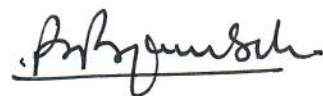
2. In this context, Government has agreed to the organisation of a series of activities across Ministries/Departments during the last week of April 2022 (i.e. from 21 to 28 April) to mark this event. Each Ministry/Department is expected to organise at least one safety and health-related activity at their level during that week with a view to sensitising public officers on the importance of Safety and Health at Work and measures to be adopted to prevent any accident/injury. The three best initiatives will be given due recognition in terms of a trophy. The Safety and Health Officer attached to your Ministry/Department will provide the necessary assistance and support in the organization of the event/s.

3. Government also agreed that Key Partners in Safety and Health, namely the Ministry of Agro and Food Security, the Ministry of Health and Wellness, the Mauritius Police Force, the Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service, the National Disaster, Risk Reduction and Management Centre and the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit should organise focused activities to showcase the importance of safety and health at the workplace for the welfare of the employees and to minimise the risk of accidents. These activities include, among others:

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1	Ministry of Agro and Food Security	<p>The Forestry Service will carry out a demonstration on work at height and safety measures taken to undertake activity as regards looping of trees.</p> <p>The Entomology Division will organise a pest control activity, demonstrating safe techniques to be observed on the handling of dangerous chemicals/pesticides.</p>
2	Ministry of Health and Wellness	Screening activities for breast and cervical cancers and non-communicable diseases for public officers will be organised.
3	Mauritius Police Force	<p>Sensitisation will be carried out on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ importance of wearing life jackets to fishermen/pleasure craft operators;➤ safety aspects while conducting outings by the Special Mobile Force; and➤ road safety measures by the Traffic Branch.
4	The Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service	Demonstration on "Working at Height" and other fire and rescue measures will be carried out.
5	National Disaster, Risk Reduction and Management Centre	Mass sensitisation on risk reduction with respect to national disasters will be organised.
6	Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit	Awareness on road safety for public officers who are called upon to work on public roads will be conducted.

4. Supervising Officers of Ministries/Departments are requested to initiate appropriate action and inform the Director, Occupational Safety and Health Division of this Ministry, at latest by, **11 April 2022**, of the activities that are being planned during the Safety and Health Week.



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