Workplace Safety & Health Risk Management for Inpatient Pharmacy Automation System

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BACKGROUND & AIM

1. What is Inpatient Pharmacy Automation System (IPAS)?

IPAS

BD BlisPack®   Swisslog PillPick®

2. What is the purpose of IPAS?

- A critical component of the hospital's closed loop medication management process
- Improves medication safety and increases productivity in drug dispensing

3. What is the problem?

New WSH hazards were introduced *!!!*

4. What is the aim of this study?

To highlight the systemic approach to WSH risk management in identifying new IPAS-related hazards and minimising the associated risks.

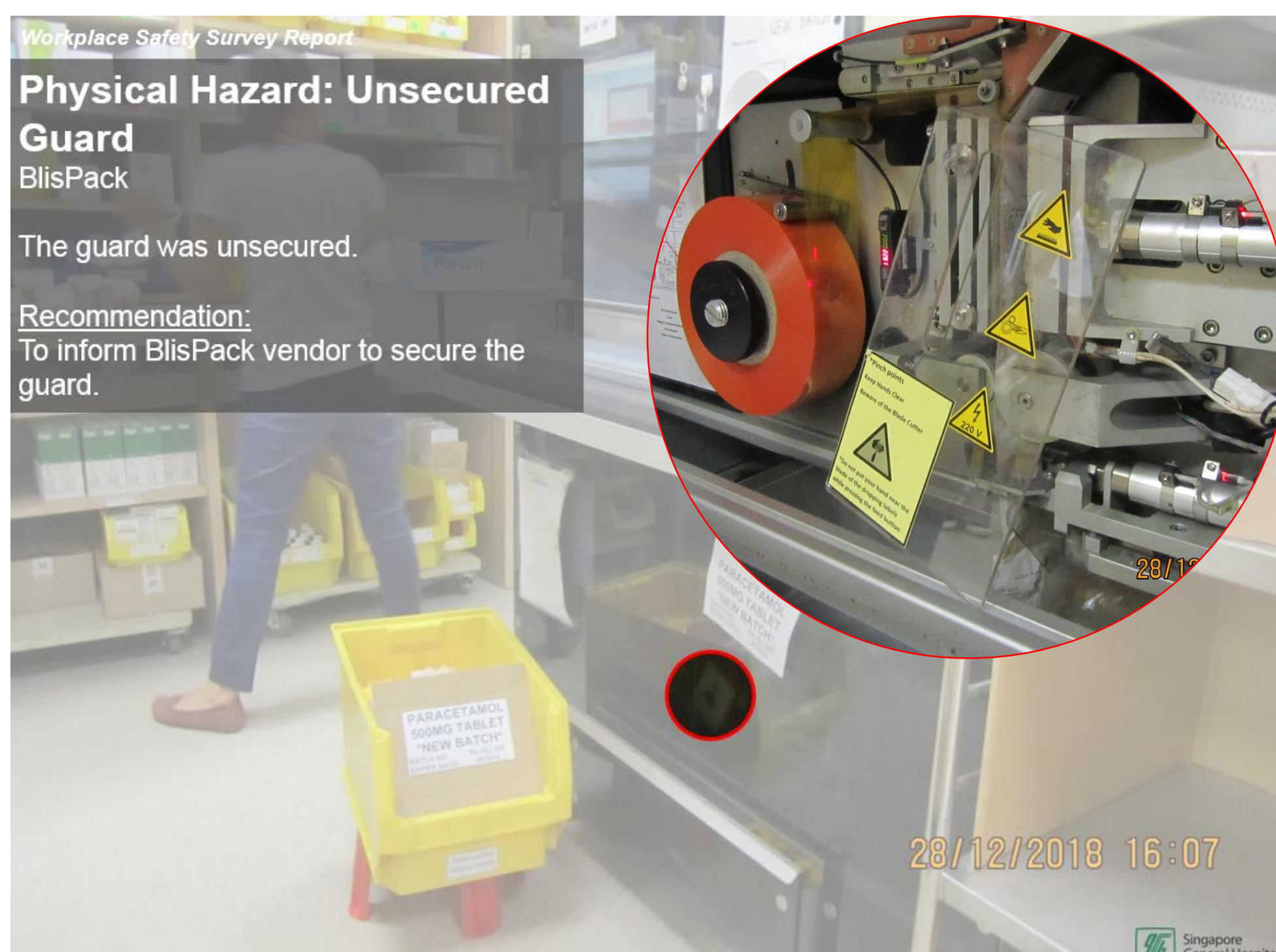## METHODOLOGY

Workplace EHS Risk Assessment

Identify hazards, evaluate risks and determine control measures

WSH Hazard	Description of WSH Hazard	Control Measure
Sharps Hazard	Contact of finger with rotating blade when removing stuck ribbon	Use pincer

Safety Inspection

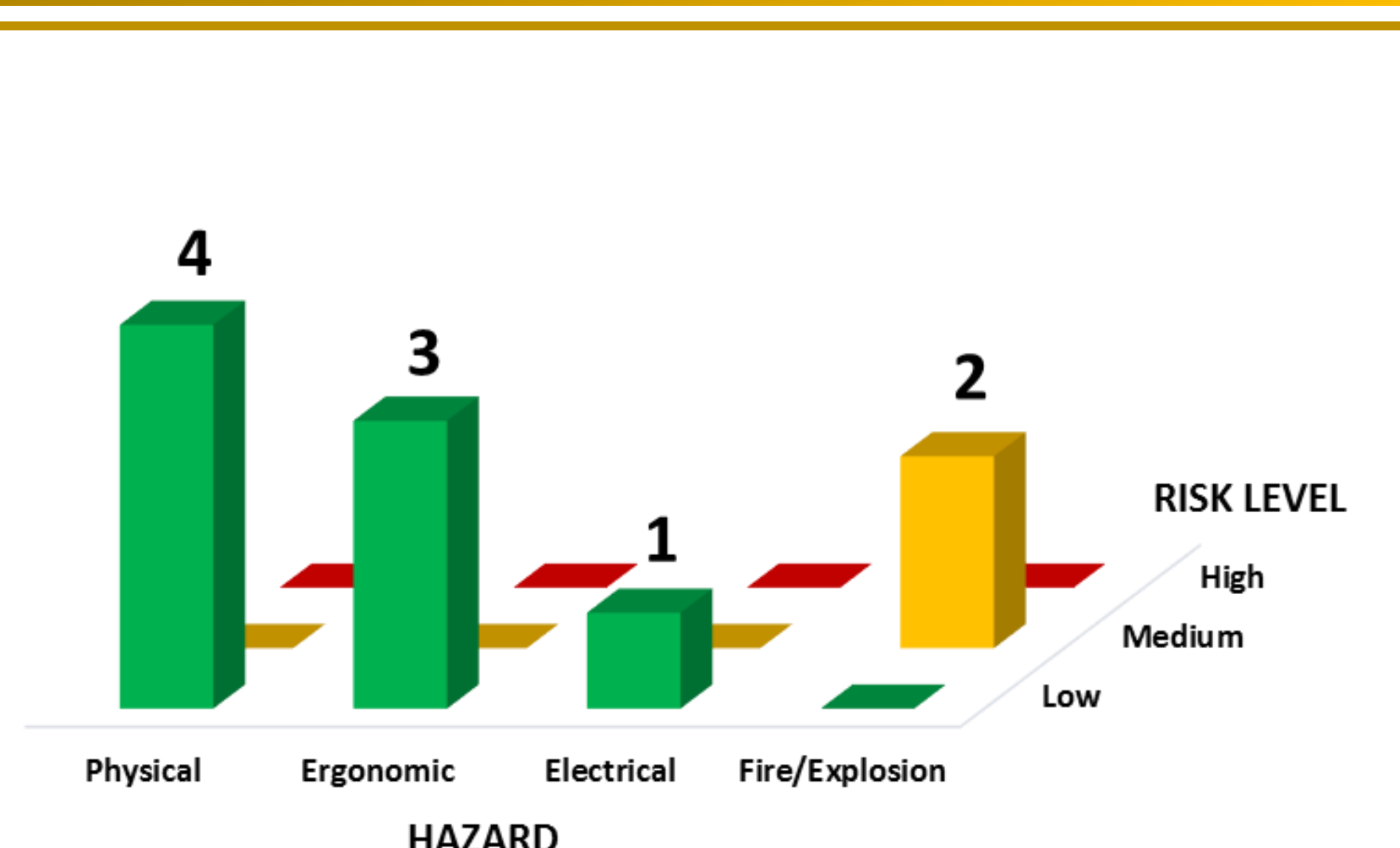Monitor effectiveness of control measures and rectify unsafe conditions

Workplace Safety Survey Report

Physical Hazard: Unsecured Guard
BlisPack

The guard was unsecured.

Recommendation:
To inform BlisPack vendor to secure the guard.

Incident Management & Investigation

Emergency response and investigation of root causes to prevent recurrence

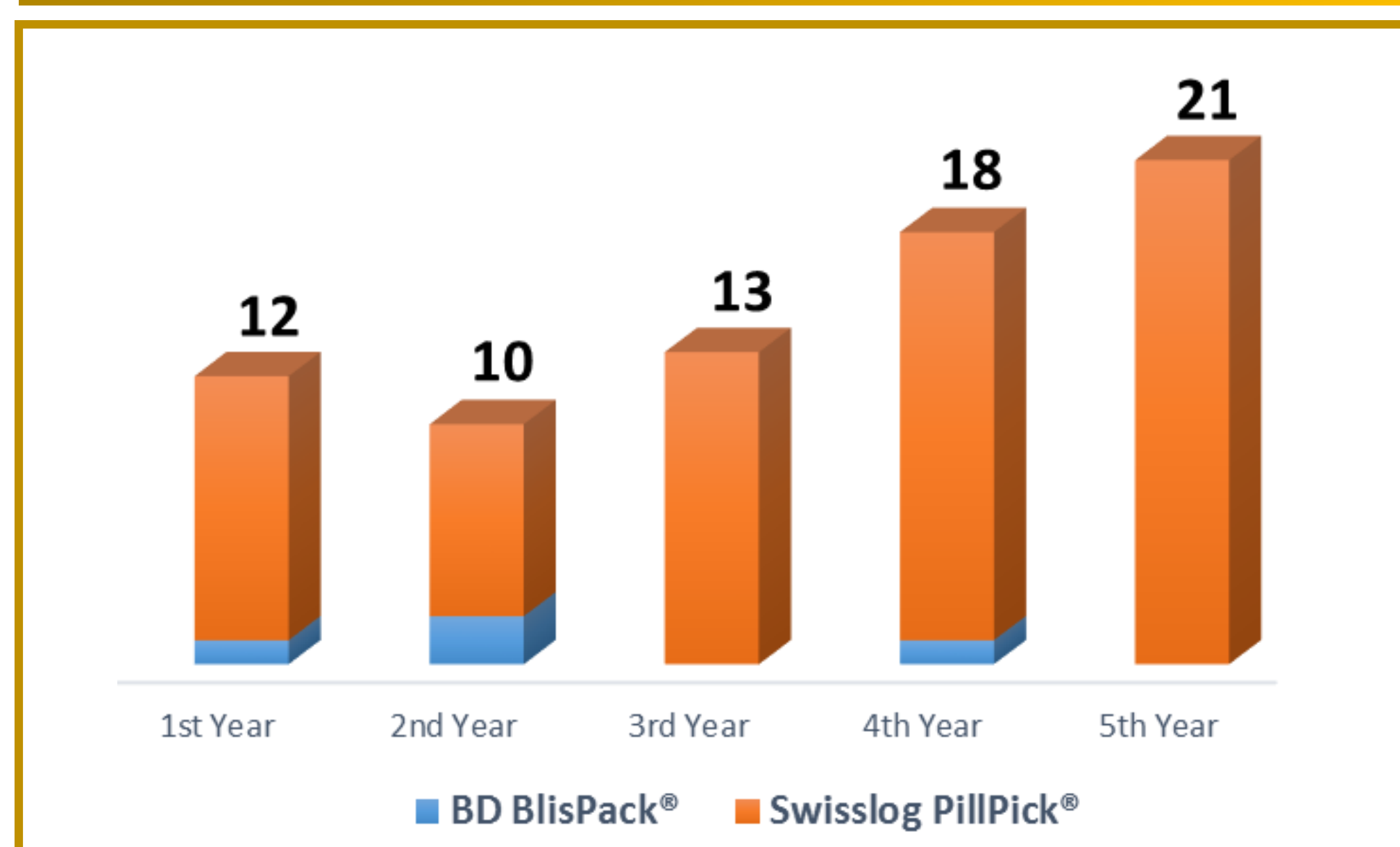Hit by moving Swisslog PillPick® machine part
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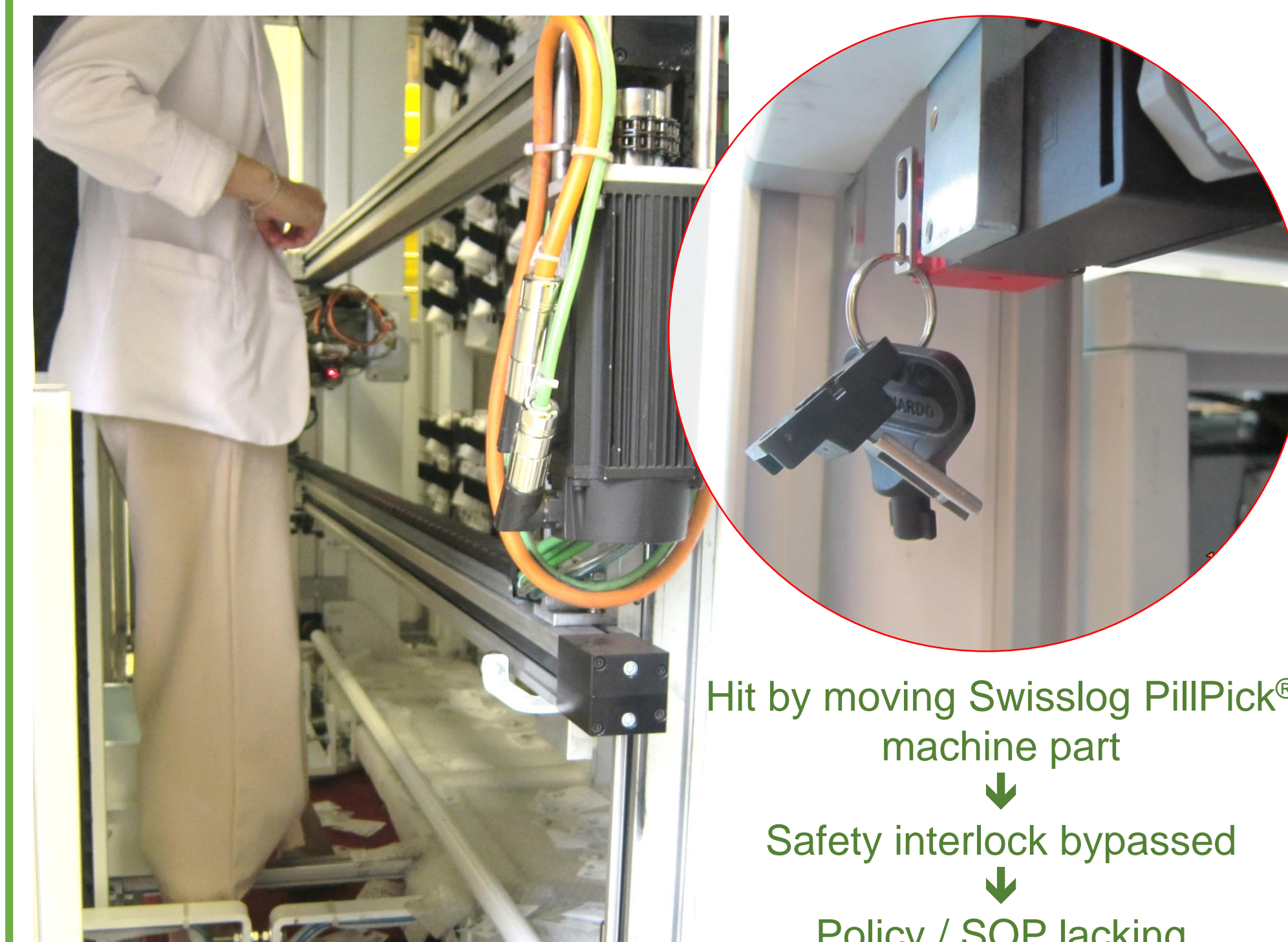
RESULTS

IPAS-related Activities WSH Risk Profile

RISK LEVEL
High
Medium
Low

Physical: 4 Ergonomic: 3 Electrical: 1 Fire/Explosion: 2

HAZARD

Risk reduced to as low as reasonably practicable

Number of IPAS-related WSH Findings

1st Year: 12 2nd Year: 10 3rd Year: 13 4th Year: 18 5th Year: 21

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Increasing early detection and rectification of findings

Number of IPAS-related WSH Incidents

1st Year: 4 2nd Year: 1 3rd Year: 1 4th Year: 0 5th Year: 1

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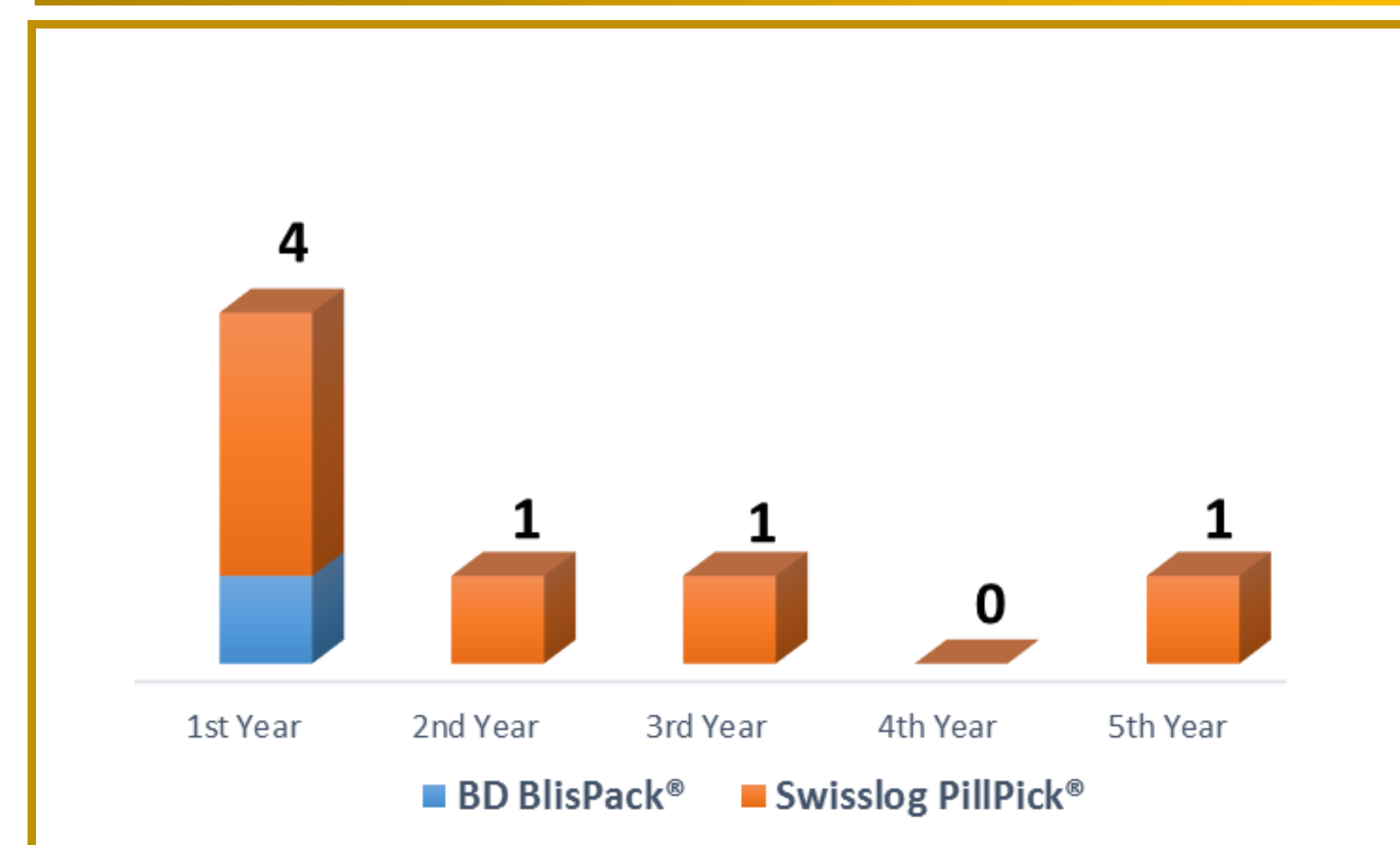
Decreasing trend of incidents

CONCLUSION

1. With an effective WSH risk management system in place, staff can operate in a safe environment and be more assured in carrying out this area of their work.

2. Communication efforts had been key in maintaining staff safety consciousness.

3. Continuous improvement is still required as safety standards evolve and the need to make safety measures more resilient to failure remains important.