





Learning from incidents and incident investigations

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Overview

- Introduction
- Incident learning cycle
- Where to find the main bottlenecks?
- What are the main bottlenecks?
- > Topics for discussion







The research project

Causes

What is learning from incidents?

Where are bottlenecks located?

What are bottlenecks?

How to improve learning?







Aim

Prevention of incidents by:

- Identification of barriers in learning from incidents processes
- Identifying what factors generate these learning barriers
- Thereby improving the learning from incidents process
- Preventing reoccurrence







Learning

Learning from incidents is aimed at gathering and using knowledge to prevent future incidents.

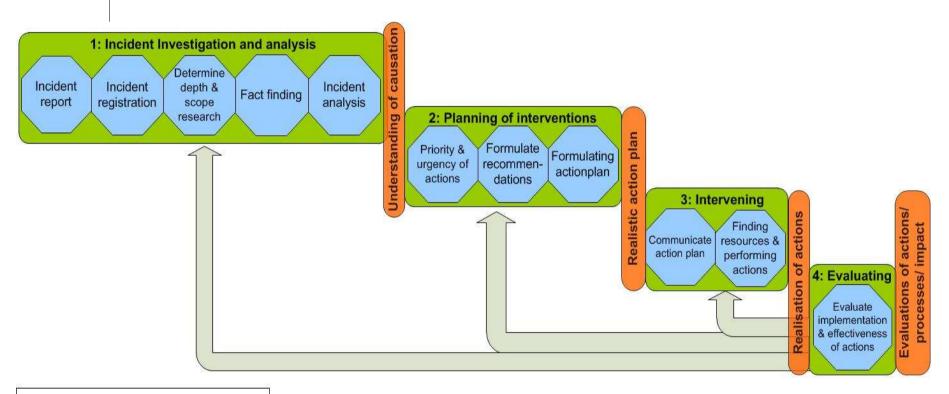








Incident learning cycle

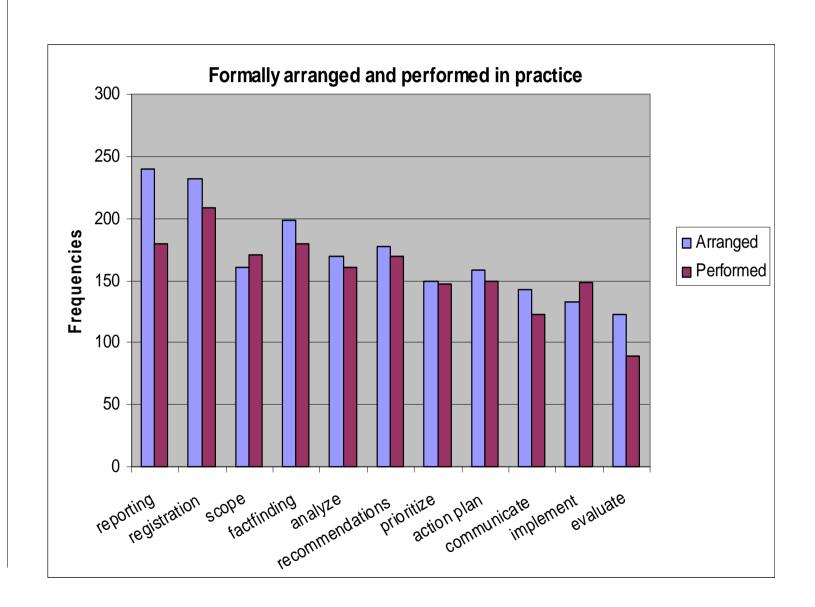


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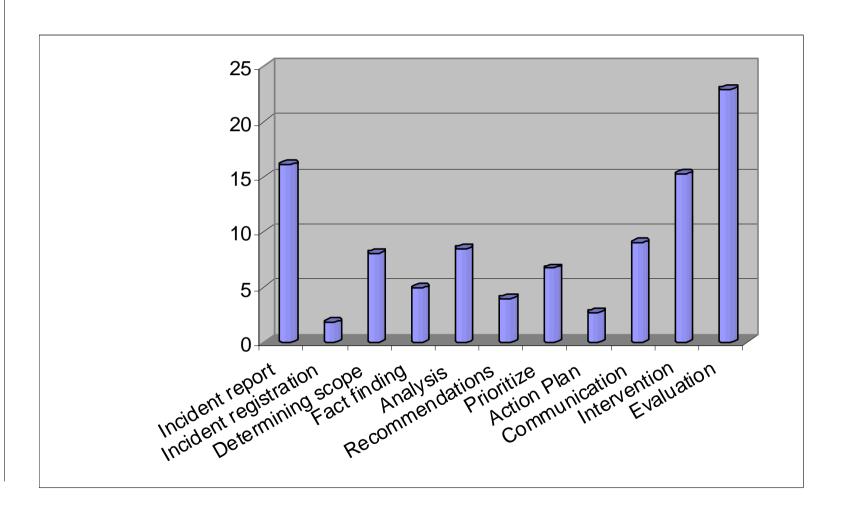








Where do you think the main bottleneck is located?









What are the bottlenecks?

- Incidents are not always recognized and reported
- Plans are not related to outcomes of analyses and 'easy', short-term actions are chosen.
- There is often no feedback to the person that reported the incident.
- The effectiveness of actions is not evaluated







The context of bottlenecks

- Cultural aspects
- Organisational structure
- Communication
- > Knowledge sharing and storage







The follow-up of accident analysis

We want to focus in the discussion on three steps in the Learning from Incidents process

- From causes to recommendations
- From recommendations to an action plan
- From plans to actions

The challenge is to jointly assess and discuss what factors determine whether the identified causes will be resolved (or not)?







Topic for discussion (2)

How to ensure adequate transfer and internalisation of knowledge?

Key words might be:

- Ownership
- Commitment, involvement
- Communication
- Values, norms and attitudes
- Feedback
- Trust







Thank you for your attention!

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