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NISO President Reports

April 28 has now been firmly fixed to mark Workers' Memorial Day by the Minister for Business and Employment, Ged Nash, T.D. This will be an annual event from now on to promote safety and health in the workplace, with the support of the safety community, workers, employers and the Health and Safety Authority. Workers' Memorial Day, 28 April, is the date every year when trade unions and employers worldwide remember those who have been killed or injured in work-related accidents.

NISO executive urge all our members to mark 28 April in their places of work annually by highlighting safety and promoting their workforce's health and wellbeing.

So far this year, NISO have held two one-day Farm

Safety Workshops in Cork and in Mayo. Between both venues, there were over one hundred and ninety active farmers in attendance. The speakers presented on topics that affect the health, safety and welfare of the farming community. NISO plans to hold further Farm Safety Workshops in 2015.

The All Ireland Safety Quiz Finals took place in Belfast on 18 April. I would like to thank all the member companies who entered teams into the regional heats. I would like to congratulate Bord na Móna Littleton, the overall winners of the previous entrants category and Phoenix Energy Services, the winners of the novice category. Well done to all teams who made it to the finals. Interest in the All Ireland Safety Quiz has grown over the last couple of years. It is acknowledged as a great opportunity for



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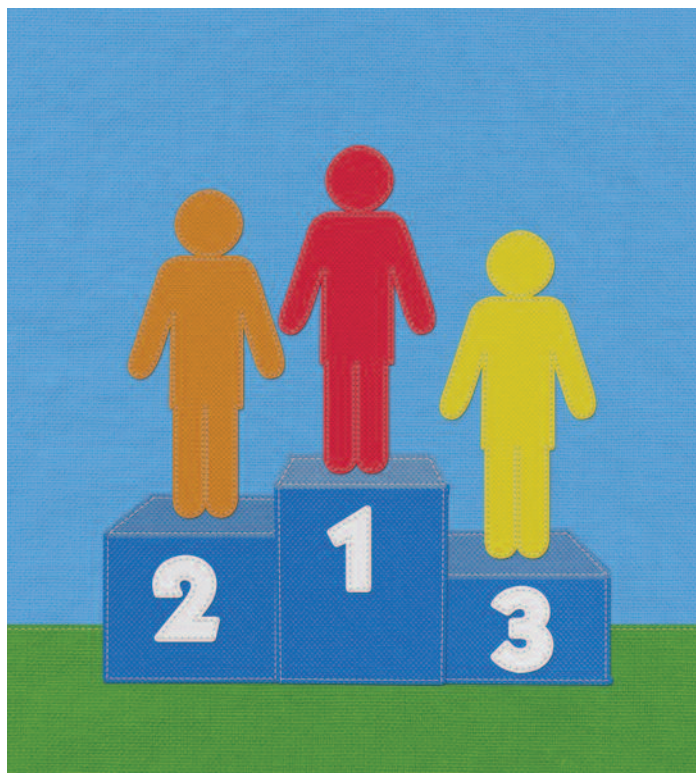
employees to gain health and safety knowledge and the quiz enables them to test that knowledge.

NISO plans to hold a number of Safety Representation workshops in May and June along with a one-day Safety Representation conference to be held during European Safety Week in October. Further information on this event will be available in the coming months.

In January and February NISO held a number of Safety Awards workshops which were well attended by member companies, reflecting the growing interest in the NISO All Ireland Safety Awards.

NISO's Annual Conference and Safety Awards ceremony will be hosted this year by the west region and will take place in the Radisson Blu Hotel Galway on Friday, 2 October. The theme of this year's conference is 'Good Safety is Good Business'. Keep an eye on the NISO website, niso.ie, for updates on all upcoming NISO events and activities.

**Pauric Corrigan,
President, National Irish
Safety Organisation.**





Health and Safety Authority Programme of Work 2015

The Health and Safety Authority's (HSA) Programme of Work for 2015 detailing its key goals and priorities for the year.

The HSA intends to carry out 11,955 inspections and investigations during 2015, a marginal increase on the target of 11,520 for 2014. The highest number of inspections and investigations will take place in the two highest-risk sectors: construction (3,150) and agriculture (2,300), followed by manufacturing (700), healthcare (200), fishing (150), mines and quarries (150) and transport and storage (150).

Gerald Nash, Minister for Business and Employment, welcomed the increase in inspections planned by the HSA and said that securing the health and safety of workers is a key priority for him. Martin O'Halloran, chief executive, HSA, stated that more online tools designed specifically for the

construction and agriculture sectors will be available in 2015 in keeping with the HSA's policy to provide support to small businesses in the high-risk sectors.

The delivery of the following cross-sectoral programmes will be prioritised, as outlined in the 2015 Programme of Work:

- Chemical management under the Chemicals Act (REACH, CLP, Detergents, etc.)
- Inspections under the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) legislation
- Legislative development and the publication of Codes of Practice
- Proactive workplace inspections in the highest risk sectors



- Accident investigations

A breakdown of the planned inspections is available on niso.ie. The full HSA Programme of Work 2015 can be downloaded from the HSA website: hsa.ie.

Injuries Board claims volumes stabilise in 2014

Higher award volumes in 2014 reflect productivity improvements, greater usage of the Board's model and a carry through of previous year claim increases.

According to the Injuries Board Annual Review 2014, the volume of claims submitted stabilised last year while the average compensation award has remained stable over the last five years.

The Board reported a slight decrease on the average award last year, with an average of €22,642 awarded in 2014 compared with €22,847 in 2013.

Injuries Board 2014 Operational Summary:

- 31,576 new claims were made in 2014 compared to 31,311 in 2013
- 12,420 awards were made in 2014 compared to 10,656 in 2013, an increase of 16%
- The total value of awards in 2014 was €281.2m compared to

€243.5m in 2013, an increase of 15%

- The average employer liability award was €32,134 in 2014 compared to €28,886 in 2013
- The average public liability award was €24,677 in 2014 compared to €25,120 in 2013
- The average award timeline reduced to seven months in 2014 compared to 7.4 months in 2013
- Counties Limerick, Longford and Louth recorded the highest volume of awards on a per-head-of-population basis
- Counties Kilkenny, Leitrim and Wicklow recorded the lowest volume of awards on a per-head-of-population basis.

Patricia Byron, former chief executive, Injuries Board, commenting on the

Board's performance in 2014, stated that the increase in the number of awards indicates that 'more respondents, typically insurers, are opting to engage with our low cost claims resolution service and recognise the real value of avoiding unnecessary and costly litigation where uncontested claims are concerned.' Ms. Byron went on to state that the Injuries Board 'processed more awards last year in a shorter time and achieved savings of €85 million.'

To read the Injuries Board Annual Review 2014 in full, please visit www.injuriesboard.ie.

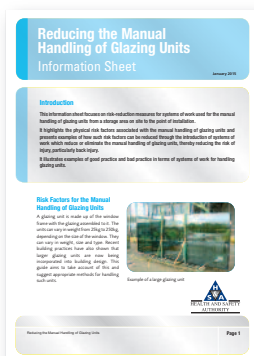
HSA publications

Reducing the Manual Handling of Glazing Units Information Sheet

This information sheet focuses on risk-reduction measures for systems of work used for the manual handling of glazing units from a storage area on site to the point of installation.

It highlights the physical risk factors associated with the manual handling of glazing units and presents examples of how such risk factors can be reduced through the introduction of systems of work which reduce or eliminate the manual handling of glazing of units, thereby reducing the risk of injury, particularly back injury.

It illustrates examples of good and bad practice in terms of working with handling glazing units.



Hazards in Ports and Dock Operations Information Sheet

This information sheet provides guidance on some of the main hazards encountered in port and dock operations. It will be of assistance to employers when conducting a risk assessment of their or their employees' work activities in ports and docks. It will also be of interest to anyone who visits ports and docks during the course of their work.

When conducting the risk assessment, the non-exhaustive list of hazards mentioned in this information sheet should be considered and appropriate control measures put in place.



Management of Health and Safety in Ports and Docks Information Sheet

This information sheet provides basic information and guidance on the management of health and safety for people involved in port and dock operations, including port authorities, stevedoring companies, terminal operators (such as container, Roll-on Roll-off [Ro-Ro], Lift-on Lift-off [Lo-Lo] and passenger ferry companies), transport and logistics companies and shipping agents. All listed publications from the HSA are available to download from the HSA website (www.hsa.ie).



National Irish Safety Organisation Seminars: Safety Representation

NISO is hosting a Safety Representation seminar series nationwide in May and June 2015.

Please see page 16 for seminar dates and venues.

For further details and bookings visit niso.ie.

NISO Annual Health and Safety Conference 2015

Ireland's premier health and safety conference for safety professionals and business leaders.

Friday 2 October 2015
Radisson Blu Hotel and Spa, Galway



If you are interested in sponsoring the NISO Annual Health and Safety Conference and Trade Exhibition in 2015, please contact Susan Birkett on 01 465 9760 or email sbirkett@niso.ie.

The NISO Conference offers delegates an insight into current topical issues which will be addressed by a panel of renowned national and international speakers.

To register your interest in conference 2015, email conference@niso.ie with 'Conference 2015 Interest' in the subject line.

Siemens announced as the winner of the EU-OSHA Healthy Workplaces Good Practice Awards 2014–15



Group picture with all campaign partners, Commissioner Thyssen, EU-OSHA Director and NAPO

The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) recently paid tribute to over 100 European companies and federations that joined forces with the agency in its Healthy Workplaces Manage Stress campaign. These campaign partners have been implementing measures to reduce psychosocial risks and stress in the workplace. In recognition of this, Siemens was announced as the overall

winner of the 2014–15 Healthy Workplaces Good Practice Awards in the new special category of ‘Official Campaign Partner’.

Siemens was commended for its ‘holistic approach’ to lessening psychosocial risk and for successfully customising the global ‘Life in Balance’ methodology to local culture and company conditions.

The importance of addressing psychosocial risks in the workplace cannot be underestimated: it is estimated that work-related stress costs the European economy billions each year and accounts for 50 to 60 per cent of all lost working days Europe-wide.

For more information please visit osha.europa.eu.

Health and Safety Authority (HSA) launches free online learning tool

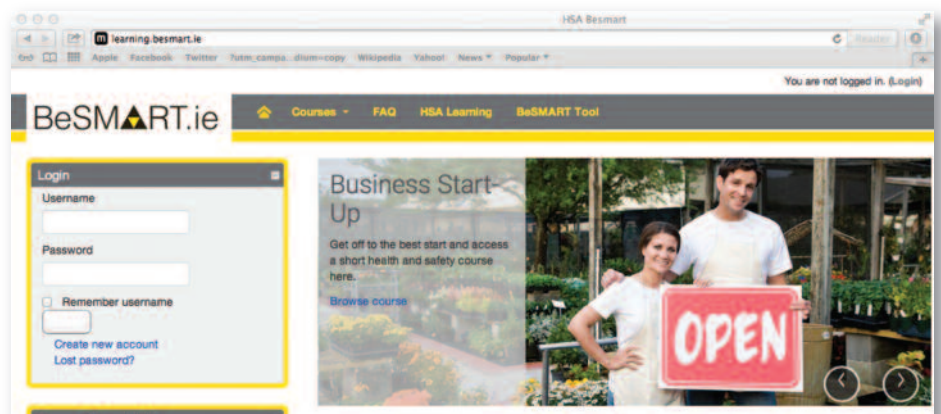


The HSA has launched three new e-learning courses for small businesses. These three courses are a basic introduction to health and safety for employers, employees and business start-ups.

Taking just 15 minutes to complete, they introduce learners to health and safety in a way that is easy to understand and they are free. Successful completion of the course results in learners being able to download a certificate of completion, which can of course be included in an employee’s record of training.

The courses can be found at <http://learning.besmart.ie> through the

e-learning tab on www.besmart.ie or through <http://hsalearning.ie>



Students complete NISO Introduction to Health and Safety Course in AIT

Thirty-five students successfully completed the 14-week NISO Introduction to Occupational Health and Safety Certificate course, which was delivered in Athlone Institute of Technology (AIT) between September 2014 and January 2015. The students

received their Certificates in a ceremony in the Prince of Wales Hotel, Athlone.

Graduates of the NISO Introduction to Occupational Health and Safety course, which is also conducted in Limerick Institute of Technology, often continue

their studies in the Health and Safety field to Degree level.

The next intake of this course will take place in September 2015. Please see page 16 for the course contact details.



NISO Introduction to Occupational Health and Safety Autumn 2014 course: Presentation of Certificates, Prince of Wales Hotel, Athlone.

Back Row: (L to R) Mr John Henson, Sharon Darby, John Gerard Garvin, Martin White, Brian Walsh, Noel Brennan, Simon Daly, Paul Cuttle, Pauric Kenny, Shane Comerford, John Murphy, Dermot Glynn, Kieran Savage, Thomas McGhee, Dr Don Faller. Front Row: (L to R) Fiona McConnell, Patrycja Wojcik, Elaine Devery, Ita Kenny, Louise Flanagan, John Flanagan, Teresa Watkins, Olalade Lawal, Zainab Alhaddad, Sonia Mba-Ileozor, Wejdan Alshummur, Dorcas Aleshinloye, Michael Casserly and Dr Sean Reidy.

EU-OSHA 'Benchmarking and exchange of good practices in OSH' conference summary now available

A conference summary is now available for the 'Benchmarking and exchange of good practices in OSH' event, in March 2015, an opportunity for companies to compare knowledge in health and safety practices. The four workshops that were held include: learning from accidents, OSH leadership, safety and health culture, and OSH performance indicators.

This two-day event organised by EU-OSHA and the Official Campaign Partners of the Healthy Workplaces Campaign clearly demonstrated the importance of managing occupational safety and health (OSH) and psychosocial risks and stress in particular. Attended by representatives from the over one hundred Campaign Partners, this event allowed some of Europe's top companies and organisations to share and benchmark their good OSH practices against each other's.

To download the Conference Summary please visit osha.europa.eu.

Workers' Memorial Day Ireland



Workers' Memorial Day Ireland will be marked by a special ceremony involving Congress, Ibec and the HSA in Dublin on 28 April. Workers, businesses, organisations and communities nationwide are also being invited to mark Workers' Memorial Day Ireland on that date.

Workers' Memorial Day is the date every year when trade union and employer groups worldwide, as well as individual organisations, remember those who have been killed or injured in work related accidents.

See hsa.ie for more information.

NISO Introduction to Occupational Health and Safety Certificate Course

Fourteen week introduction to Occupational Health and Safety taking place in Limerick Institute of Technology and Athlone Institute of Technology in September 2015.

Course Objectives:

- To equip participants with the knowledge to work safely in a variety of workplaces and to comply with the competency requirements laid down in the Safety Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005.
- To furnish participants with a good basic knowledge and understanding of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH), outlining what is required to provide a safe place of work.

Contact info@niso.ie or visit niso.ie for more information.



NISO 2015 AGM

NISO held its 2015 AGM in the Gresham Hotel in Dublin on 23 April.

Delivering the presidential address at the National Irish Safety Organisation (NISO) Annual General Meeting (AGM), NISO president Pauric Corrigan stated that with the slight improvement in the Irish economy, NISO membership showed an increase in 2014 and that NISO continues to recruit new members.

Mr Corrigan also noted that NISO continues to raise concerns regarding health and safety training that was previously regulated by FETAC and has now been taken over by the Quality and Qualifications Ireland, QQI, who are continually extending the course hours. In NISO's most recent correspondence to Minister Ged Nash, these concerns were communicated yet again.

Mr Corrigan also expressed NISO's concern regarding the continual cuts in funding to the Health and Safety Authority by the Department of Finance.

NISO hopes that the HSA is well resourced and funded to enable it to deal with the forecast upturn in employment and especially within the construction industry that the Government has stated.

Mr Corrigan was delighted to announce that the 2015 conference and safety awards will be hosted by the western region on 2 October in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Galway. Corrigan also announced the launch of a new award, the NISO Superior Performance award, sponsored by Anderco Safety.

Speaking of Workers' Memorial Day, Mr Corrigan acknowledged the Minister for Business and Employment, Ged Nash, who has put this day in place as an annually recurring event. Mr Corrigan encouraged all members to mark this day with an event in their workplace.

Cutbacks

Speaking at the AGM, NISO honorary secretary Harry Galvin noted that, according to the official figures for 2014, 55 individuals lost their lives in the workplace during the year, an increase from 47 in 2013.

Mr Galvin mentioned NISO's concerns over the severe financial cutbacks to both the HSA and the Gardaí in the last years. Mr Galvin stated that in his opinion it is no coincidence that as these cutbacks in resources have been applied we have seen an increase in fatalities on both our roads and in our workplaces.

Mr Galvin concluded by calling on all members to renew their efforts in the promotion of safety and health



Pauric Corrigan, president, National Irish Safety Organisation

awareness, education and most of all by example and leadership to improve safety and health in Ireland and calling on the politicians of all parties to commit themselves to the same objectives.

For the President's report and the Secretary's report in full, please visit niso.ie.

Executive Committee 2015

The NISO Executive committee 2015:

- **Pauric Corrigan** (President), west region
- **Harry Galvin** (Hon Secretary), east region
- **Des Brandon** (Treasurer), east region and members' representative
- **Bill Kelly** (Vice President), midwest region and members' representative
- **Anne Murphy**, Irish Business and Employers Confederation
- **Catherine Hession**, west region and members' representative
- **Edel Niland**, east region and members' representative
- **Fergal McKeivitt**, north east region
- **John Flanagan**, midland region
- **John O'Reilly**, east region
- **John Quinn**, north west region
- **Michael Dowling**, Irish Congress of Trade Unions
- **Michael Horan**, Insurance Ireland
- **Michael O'Neill**, south region
- **Philip O'Keefe**, south east region
- **Philip Thornton**, midwest region
- **Sheena Notley**, Health and Safety Authority

Success for Tipperary and Antrim teams at the 42nd All Ireland Safety Quiz Finals

At the All Ireland Safety Quiz Finals held in Belfast on Saturday, 18 April 2015, Bord na Móna Littleton and Phoenix Energy Services, Antrim, were the overall winners in the Previous Entrants and Novices Categories respectively.



Bord na Móna Littleton, All Ireland Previous Entrants Category Winner



Quiz teams deliberate over a question at the All Ireland Safety Quiz Final 2015

The All Ireland Safety Quiz Finals are run jointly by the National Irish Safety Organisation (NISO) and Northern Ireland Safety Group (NISG). A total of 16 teams competed from all parts of the island of Ireland.

There was a great turnout at the event, held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Belfast, with over 180 guests attending

the prize-giving dinner that evening.

Announcing the winners, Wilson Lambe, president, NISG, praised the effort and knowledge of the participating teams and the role played by NISO and NISG in promoting safety on the island.

NISG Chairperson Jimmy Fenton warmly welcomed everyone to Belfast

saying that health and safety is an island-wide issue that impacts all areas of employment north, south, east and west. Mr Fenton congratulated all the teams that made it to the Finals and commented that the Novices trophy had travelled all the way up to the north and was now going to stay in the north.



Phoenix Energy Services, All Ireland Novice Category Winner



SSE Great Island Power Station, All Ireland Previous Entrants Category Runner-Up



BioMarin International Ltd., All Ireland Novice Category Runner-Up

Pauric Corrigan, president, NISO, thanked NISG for hosting the All Ireland Safety Quiz Finals in Belfast. Mr Corrigan also thanked the quiz organisers within NISO and NISG, the adjudicators and the quizmaster, Alan Burch. Commenting on how well NISO and NISG work together Mr Corrigan stated that 'safety has no borders' and 'it is great to see a trophy both sides of the border which is how it should be with safety'. Mr Corrigan announced that the midland region will be hosting the All Ireland Safety Quiz Finals in 2016.

Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland (HSENI) chief executive, Keith Morrison, congratulated the winners, saying that every team from every region were already winners having beaten off stiff competition in their regional heats.

Please visit niso.ie for more on the Safety Quiz 2015.

Previous Entrants Category Winners:

1st Place: Bord na Móna Littleton (representing the Mid West Region)

2nd Place: SSE Great Island Power Station (representing the South East Region)

3rd Place: Abbott Diagnostic Division, Sligo (representing the North West Region)

Novice Category Winners:

1st Place: Phoenix Energy Services (representing Northern Ireland)

2nd Place: BioMarin International Ltd. (representing the South Region)

3rd Place: Abbott Diagnostic Division, Sligo (representing the North West Region)

Other Finalists were: [in alphabetical order]

Previous Entrants Category:

Abbott Cootehill (representing the North East Region)

Abbott Diagnostic Division, Longford (representing the Midland Region)

BioMarin International Ltd. (representing the South Region)

Helsinn Birex Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (representing the East Region)

Thermo King Ireland Limited, Ingersoll Rand Climate Solutions (representing the West Region)

Ulster Carpets Ltd. (representing Northern Ireland)

Novice Category:

Abbott Cootehill (representing the North East Region)

Applied Materials Ireland (representing the East Region)

Medtronic (representing the West Region)

Rosderra Irish Meats Group (Representing the Midland Region)

Work Related Vehicle Safety: The Business Case for Managing the Risks

Noel Lacey of the Health and Safety Authority writes about Work Related Vehicle Safety.



Noel Lacey, Health & Safety Authority

Every year, people are killed in accidents involving vehicles in the workplace and on the road. Work Related Vehicle (WRV) fatalities represent an average of 35% of all work related deaths reported to the HSA each year. Thousands are also injured as a result of vehicle related activity in the workplace and on the road every year. A lot of damage is also done to vehicles, cargo, property and, notably, company reputation. This often has an adverse effect on the business's balance sheet. Better planning, training and awareness, along with workplace arrangements, procedures, appropriate selection and use of vehicles, can prevent most of these accidents.

Preventative action

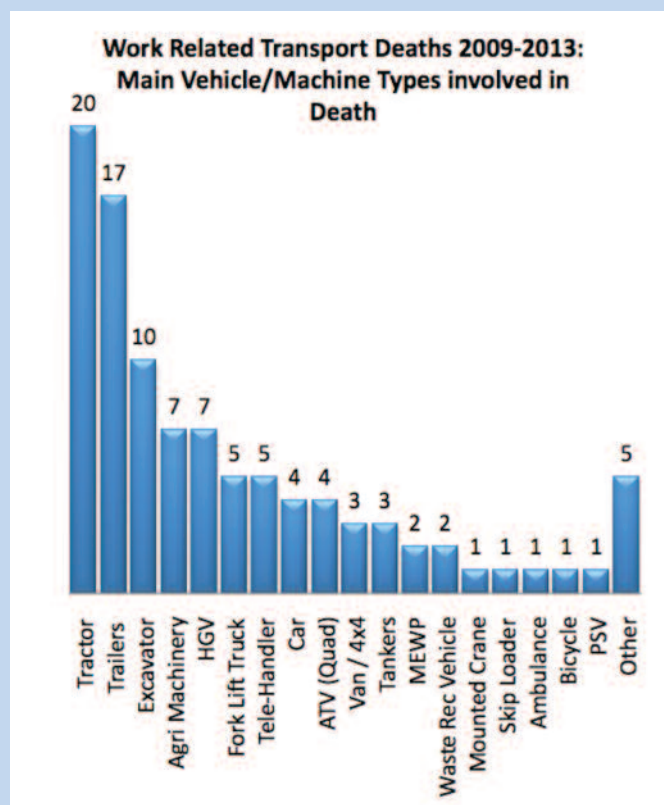
In the case of **Workplace Transport Safety**, the employer can normally exercise a great deal of control over the workplace layout, the systems of work, the vehicles and

drivers/pedestrians. In the case of **Driving for Work**, which occurs on the road, the employer will not have the same degree of direct control whilst the activity is being carried out. However employers can take action beforehand to ensure that risks are properly controlled. Such actions will include:

- Carrying out risk assessments for driving and associated activities.
- Driver selection, vetting and monitoring (e.g. licence checks/declarations).
- Training provision and awareness raising (e.g. eco driving, load securing).
- Provision of suitable equipment, for example,

slip resistant footwear and high visibility clothing in case of work activity carried out near vehicles or in case of breakdown.

- Safe scheduling of journeys and timings to minimise the effects of fatigue and to enable the journey to be undertaken without encouraging speeding or other poor driver behaviour (e.g. driver distractions such as mobile phone use).
- Provision of information such as a driver handbook and the steps to be taken if a vehicle breaks down,





is involved in a collision or has another emergency such as a load shift or load shed.

- Ensuring that company vehicles are well maintained.
- Securing cargo properly is essential to achieving safe transport by road.
- Setting a clear corporate expectation that good driver behaviour is essential and ensuring that colleagues and managers will challenge poor behaviour when in control of a vehicle.

Profile of Work Related Vehicle Fatalities 2009–2013

There was a total of **240** work related deaths reported to the HSA between 2009 and 2013. **Ninety-nine** of these deaths (41%*) involved work related vehicles (WRV). **Seventy-six** of these deaths (77%†) occurred in the workplace and 23 (23%†) occurred on the public road and resulted from activities associated with driving for work and working on or near the road.

* = Percentage based on total deaths.

† = Percentage based on Work Related Vehicle Deaths only.

The top two causes of the 99 work related vehicle deaths identified were:

1. Victim hit or run over by a vehicle.
2. Victim crushed between vehicle and object.

Tractors were the main type of vehicle involved in WRV deaths between 2009 and 2013, accounting for 20%† of deaths.

2014 Statistics

Twenty-eight deaths involving vehicles at work were reported to the HSA up to 16 December 2014.

- Sixteen of those were in Agriculture (tractors involved in the majority of deaths)
- Four in Construction
- Two in Transportation and Storage
- Two In Wholesale and Retail Trade and Repair of motor vehicles

Alarmingly the involvement of vehicles in deaths at work increased in 2014 for the first time in three years to 54% of the total figures. This is up 13% from the previous five-year

average for 2009 to 2013 of **41%**. On average around 20 workplace deaths occur every year involving vehicles.

So what are the top three vehicle-related activities that need to be effectively managed in Irish workplaces for 2015?:

- Driving forward
- Use of forklifts in loading and unloading activities
- Reversing and Slow Speed Manoeuvres

Issues such as use of handbrakes, safe positioning of drivers during loading and unloading with fork-lift trucks, propping of vehicles during repair work and climbing up on vehicles must be managed.

Non-Fatal Injuries

Most non-fatal injuries can be attributed to four main causes:

- Slips and trips
- Being struck by moving or falling objects (Load securing!)
- Falls from vehicles
- Manual handling

Most of these injuries happen to drivers during loading and unloading, though many slips can also occur during other work activity.

Further information

For further information on Work Related Vehicle Safety matters, including Driving for Work Risk Management, please visit www.vehiclesatwork.ie or contact the Workplace Contact Unit at LoCall: 1890 289 389.



Farm safety brought into focus by IOSH Ireland



The Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) hosted an event to highlight ways of improving safety on and around farms in the west of Ireland.

Held jointly by the IOSH Ireland Branch's Western and North Western Districts and Rural Industries Section, the meeting brought together experts and more than 50 people who work within the agriculture sector, including farmers, agricultural contractors and safety professionals.

The meeting was part of the branch's aim to explore how it and its 1,900 members can support the agricultural sector in order to improve safety for workers, their families and farm visitors.

Farm fatalities

Thirty of the 55 people killed in work-related accidents in Ireland in 2014 worked in the agriculture sector. As of 10 March this year, three of five deaths reported to the HSA were also in agriculture.

The event featured presentations from experts at the Health and Safety Authority (HSA), who discussed how to tackle risks arising from farm animals and their slurry, and driving for work.

John Kennedy of the HSA highlighted that children and over-65s were among the most high-risk age profiles after analysing farm deaths in Ireland between 2005 and 2014.

Of the 193 deaths that occurred in farming during that period, 70 (or 36%) involved the fatalities of farmers over the age of 65. Children accounted for 11% of farm deaths during that period, with two-thirds directly related to tractors and machinery.

Livestock and slurry risks

Mr Kennedy also highlighted the danger of livestock to farm workers, their families and visitors. Heifers,



bulls and horses were the most common cause of fatalities involving farm animals over the ten-year period, with those at the meeting urged by Mr Kennedy to avoid complacency when dealing with livestock.

Slurry and child safety were also brought into focus, with Mr Kennedy emphasising the necessity for strong safety management systems including risk assessment, enclosure and safety procedures for slurry agitation.

Taking ownership of safety

Aine English, chair of IOSH Ireland Branch's Rural Industries Section, said: 'It is no secret that the agricultural environment is hazardous for farmers and their families. We believe there needs to be a continued effort to inform, educate and influence farmers to improve safety standards.'

'By taking ownership of our safety, accidents can be prevented, and as a consequence further tragedies and fatalities can be avoided.'

Driving for work

The IOSH event, which recently took place at the Claregalway Hotel, in Claregalway, County Galway, also

featured a presentation on the topic of driving for work by Deirdre Sinnott McFeat of the HSA.

She emphasised the need for drivers to be mindful of their behaviour on the roads and how it can affect others.

A total of 196 people lost their lives following incidents on Ireland's roads in 2014. They included 16 children aged 15 and under.

Aine English added: 'Positive changes can make the roads safer for all. Changes such as reducing speed, refraining from using a mobile phone and wearing a seatbelt can make a huge difference.'

An insight into the experiences of dealing with emergency rescues was also given by Paul Duffy of Galway Fire & Rescue. Among his points was the importance of giving the correct information when making a call to the emergency services.

For more details about IOSH Ireland Branch and its activities, visit www.iosh.ie.

Help on Pedestrian Safety and Ergonomics



NISO team answers members' queries.

QUESTION 1

I work in a small warehouse with only one forklift and there are no more than four employees in the warehouse at any one time. Do we require pedestrian routes?

ANSWER 1

By law pedestrians and vehicles must be able to circulate safely both in indoor and outdoor places. As per the *Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005*, the employer must undertake a risk assessment of the workplace. The risk assessment will identify the potential hazards faced by pedestrians in the warehouse and decide on controls to be implemented.

Ideally there will be separate defined routes for pedestrians, away from vehicles and both pedestrian and vehicle routes clearly marked. However, where vehicles and pedestrians share routes, there must be adequate safety clearance between the vehicles and the pedestrians.

If the risk assessment deems it safe not to have a designated pedestrian route, then you must consider other controls including:

- wearing high visibility clothing when working in the vicinity of a moving forklift,
- having controlled access to the area where the forklift will be used,
- limiting forklift movement in specific work areas at busy pedestrian times, such as break times, shift changes or home time,
- warning signage to alert pedestrians of a forklift moving in the area,
- vehicle warning devices and flashing beacons to be functioning at all times,
- training and information for

employees on the hazards presented by the forklift and controls in place.

Employers must make sure that drivers are familiar with the vehicle they are driving and that they have been given appropriate instruction, information and training to carry out required pre-checks and to use the forklift in the correct and safe manner, as per the manufacturer's instructions.

For further information on pedestrian safety in the workplace, please view the *Pedestrian Safety in the Workplace Information Sheet*. This information sheet is available to download from the Health and Safety Authority website: www.hsa.ie.

QUESTION 2

I work in a busy office and the majority of my work is carried out on a computer. Is there a certain length of time you need to be at your computer before you need an assessment of your workstation?

ANSWER 2

The *Safety, Health and Welfare at Work, (General Application) Regulations 2007*, Chapter 5 of Part 2 outline the requirements that must be adhered to in relation to Display Screen Equipment.

The employer shall perform an analysis of the workstation in order to evaluate the safety and health conditions to which it gives rise for the employees, particularly as regards possible risks to eyesight, physical problems and problems of mental stress, and, on the basis of that evaluation, take appropriate measures to remedy any risks found. An employee, in the context of the above regulation, is interpreted as a person

who habitually uses display screen equipment as a significant part of his or her normal work.

This definition is explained in further depth on the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) website. According to the HSA, these regulations are applicable:

- if the employee has no choice but to use the display screen equipment to carry out his/her work,
- if the employee normally uses the display screen equipment for continuous periods of more than one hour,
- if the display screen equipment is generally used by the employee on a daily basis.

If employees at your workplace meet the criteria listed above then an analysis of the workstation shall be carried out.

For further information on workstation assessments, please view the *Guide to the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations 2007 - Chapter 5 of Part 2: Display Screen Equipment*. This document is available to download from the HSA website: www.hsa.ie.



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Statutory Instruments

European Communities (Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 [S.I. No. 31/2015]

These Regulations amend the European Communities (Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment) Regulations 2011 to 2013 to take account of the integration of the Irish National Accreditation Board (formerly a Committee of Forfás), into the Health and Safety Authority (HSA), as a Committee thereof, with effect from 31st July 2014, in advance of the dissolution of Forfás on 1st August 2014.

They provide that any fees for ADR related services by INAB will be charged by, and payable to, the HSA.

European Communities (Road Transport) (Organisation of Working Time of Persons Performing Mobile Road Transport Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 [S.I. No. 49/2015]

The purpose of these Regulations is to amend the European Communities (Road Transport) (Organisation of Working Time of Persons Performing Mobile Road Transport Activities) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 36 of 2012) by amending Regulations 12(e) and 18(1).

The amendment of Regulation 12(e) increases the retention period of specific records to at least 3 years and the amendment of Regulation 18(1) provides mobile workers the right to present a complaint to a rights commissioner if the mobile worker's employer does not comply with the provisions of the Council Regulation relating to daily and weekly rest.

European Union (Occupation of Road Transport Operator) Regulations 2015 [S.I. No. 66/2015]

These Regulations give full effect to Regulation (EC) 1071/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing common rules concerning the conditions to be complied with to pursue the occupation of road

transport operator and replace the European Union (Occupation of Road Transport Operator) Regulations 2011.

The purpose of these Regulations is to ensure that the rules on admission to the occupation of road transport operator are applied uniformly and effectively.

European Communities (Pressure Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 [S.I. No. 81/2015]

The European Union (Pressure Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 gives effect to the transposition requirements of Article 49(1) of Directive 2014/68/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of the 15 May 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of pressure equipment.

Article 49(1) of Directive 2014/68/EU

requires Member States to adopt the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with Article 13 which relates to the Classification of Pressure Equipment.

The effect of Article 13 is to align the classification of pressure equipment with Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 which implements the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals that has been adopted at international level within the United Nations structure.

These Regulations will amend the European Communities (Pressure Equipment) Regulations 1999 (S.I. No. 400 of 1999) and come into operation from 1 June 2015.

The remaining provisions of Directive 2014/68/EU are due to be transposed into national legislation to take effect from 19 July 2016.

Fatal workplace injuries by economic sector 2011-2015 (NACE Revision 2)

| ECONOMIC SECTOR | | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|---|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| A - Agriculture, forestry and fishing | Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities | 22 | 20 | 16 | 30 | 4 |
| | Forestry and logging | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Fishing and aquaculture | 5 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| B - Mining and quarrying | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| C - Manufacturing | | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| D - Electricity; gas, steam and air conditioning supply | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| E - Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities | | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| F - Construction | | 6 | 8 | 11 | 8 | 1 |
| G - Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and personal goods | | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| H - Transportation and storage | | 7 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| I - Accommodation and food service activities | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J - Information and communication | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| K - Financial and insurance activities | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| L - Real estate activities | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| M - Professional, scientific and technical activities | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| N - Administrative and support service activities | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| O - Public administration and defence; compulsory social security | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| P - Education | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Q - Human health and social work activities | | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| R - Arts, entertainment and recreation | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| S - Other service activities | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Total fatalities | | 54 | 48 | 47 | 56 | 10 |

(As of 24 April 2015)

National Irish Safety Organisation Events Diary



Please keep an eye on our website: www.niso.ie for forthcoming courses in 2015.

1. Courses scheduled at NISO Training Centre, Ballymount, Dublin 12

Safe Pass

(Course Length: 1 day)
8 May and 29 May

Manual Handling Instructor & Assessor Course, QQI Level 6

(Course length: 5 days; 3 days
week 1 & 2 days week 2)
11-13 & 18-19 May

Manual Handling Basic Course

(Course length: half day)
11 May 2015

Occupational First Aid Re-Certification, QQI Level 5

(Course Length: 1 day)
15 June 2015

Occupational First Aid, QQI Level 5

(Course length: 3 days)
17-19 June 2015

VDU / DSE Assessors Course

(Course Length: 1 day)
6 July 2015

2. Courses and events in the regions

EAST REGION

Seminar: Safety Representation

Red Cow Moran Hotel
12 May; 14.00hrs

WEST REGION

Seminar: Safety

Representation

Oranmore Lodge Hotel,
Galway
19 May; 14.00hrs

SOUTH EAST REGION

Seminar: Safety

Representation
Ramada Viking Hotel,
Waterford
19 May; 14.00hrs

MIDLAND REGION

Seminar: Safety

Representation
Prince of Wales Hotel, Athlone,
Co. Westmeath
26 May; 09.00hrs

Course: NISO Introduction to Occupational Health and Safety

Athlone Institute of
Technology
(Course length: 13 weeks,
2 hrs p/wk)
Commencing: September
2015
Contact: midland@niso.ie

SOUTH REGION

Seminar: Safety Representation

Oriel House Hotel, Ballincollig,
Co. Cork
26 May; 14.00hrs

MID WEST REGION

Course: NISO Introduction to Occupational Health and Safety

Limerick Institute of Technology
(Course length: 13 weeks, 2
hrs p/wk)
Commencing: September 2015
Contact: FLlimerick@lit.ie

Seminar: Safety

Representation
Radisson Blu, Limerick
27 May; 09.45hrs

NORTH WEST REGION

Seminar: Safety

Representation
Radisson Blu, Sligo
11 June; 10.00hrs

NORTH EAST REGION

Seminar: Safety

Representation
Crown Plaza Hotel, Dundalk,
11 June; 12.13hrs

3. National/ All Ireland Events

NISO Annual Conference and Trade Exhibition

Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa, Galway
2 October 2015

Trade Exhibiton: Spaces Available

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NISO/NISG Safety Awards Ceremony

Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa,
Galway
2 October 2015



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