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President's message

NISO AGM

In my first report as NISO President at the 2017 AGM in Sligo, I noted the work of our staff over the year and that with their continuous support, hard work, dedication and commitment NISO has had a good year and are in a very stable financial position.

The events organised by NISO including seminars, workshops, conference, safety awards etc. have seen in excess of 3,000 individuals taking part. This clearly shows how important our contribution to safety and health is seen by our members.

We currently represent in the order of 600,000 employees throughout the country, ranging from small to large companies.

We are very thankful to the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation for their continued support and very much appreciate the engagement by Minister Breen at our Annual Conference and the All Ireland Safety Awards presentation dinner in 2016.

I wish to record our appreciation to the HSA, Martin O'Halloran and his colleagues for their support of NISO. By their words and actions in attending, supporting and participating in NISO events, he and his staff have shown a commitment above and beyond their daily tasks.

We also appreciate the continued support from

Ibec, ICTU and Insurance Ireland, particularly noting the financial support from Insurance Ireland for educational workshops which will take place during this year.

44th All Ireland Occupational Safety Quiz

The 44th All Ireland Occupational Safety Quiz finals run jointly by the National Irish Safety Organisation (NISO) and the Northern Ireland Safety Group (NISG) were held in Sligo.

Cork-based BioMarin International Ltd. achieved remarkable success with winning teams in both the Previous Entrants Category and the Novice Category.

Workplace Injuries and Fatalities

Despite our work and the best efforts of the HSA, we continue to see injuries and fatalities in Irish workplaces each year.

We, in NISO, are fully supportive of the work of the HSA, which is very wide ranging and covers all sectors of the workforce.

We welcome the small increase in funding to the HSA for 2017, however we are of the view that more resources are required from Government to assist the HSA to fulfill their function.

With the workforce now in excess of two million and climbing extra staff are required to continue to drive the continuous safety improvement.



Harry Galvin, president, National Irish Safety Organisation

We in the safety community are focused on finding the root cause when something goes wrong, however Government appears to spend millions on setting up commissions of investigation rather than investing in accident prevention.

NISO would like to see a coordinated approach from Government to the whole area of safety with the focus on prevention, which would lead to a major saving to the economy as well as a healthier society.

I will conclude by calling on all our members to renew their efforts to continue improving safety and health in Ireland by the promotion of safety and health awareness, education and most of all by example and leadership and by calling on the politicians of all parties to commit themselves to the same objectives.

*Harry Galvin
President, National Irish Safety Organisation*

HSA Programme of Work for 2017

The Health and Safety Authority (HSA) has published its “Programme of Work for 2017” providing details of planned actions, priorities and



inspection targets for the year. Here are some of the key figures from the 2017 Programme of Work:

- A total of 11,220 workplace inspections and investigations are planned for 2017, a slight increase on the 2016 target of 11,165 inspections.
- At 4,000 planned inspections, the construction industry will receive the highest number of visits.
- Farm inspections are down 300 from the 2016 figure, with 2,000 planned inspections for 2017.
- The number of planned inspections under chemicals legislation is up 255 from the 2016 target with 1,420 planned inspections for 2017.

The HSA has outlined the following areas of focus for 2017:

- **Farming:** promoting safety on farms through participation in knowledge-sharing and discussion groups. An updated Farm Safety Code of Practice will be published.

- **New and returning workers:** during the course of inspections issues such as training, induction and supervision will be addressed.
- **Construction:** inspections will focus on preventing accidents involving self-employed workers and small-sized contractors.
- **Health:** work-related health activities to include the promotion of positive mental health and reduction of work-related stress. The HSA will continue to contribute to the Government’s “Healthy Ireland” initiative.
- The HSA plans to hold a joint conference with the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation to recognise the 10th anniversary of REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals).

For a full break down of the planned inspections for 2017 and to compare with the 2016 figures visit niso.ie.

Public consultation on Healthy Ireland – Healthy Workplace Framework launched

Minister for Health Promotion, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy TD and Minister for Employment and Small Business, Pat Breen TD, launched a public consultation on a new Healthy Workplace Framework on 28 March 2017 in Dublin.

The aim of the framework is to provide guidance, which can be adapted to any workplace setting, to help create and sustain healthy workplaces throughout Ireland.

The development of the Healthy Workplace Framework is an initiative under the Healthy Ireland agenda and is being led by the two Departments in partnership with stakeholders.

Minister Corcoran Kennedy officially launched the online consultation - surveymonkey.com/r/HealthyWorkplaceFramework - which has gone live and which will be open until 19 May 2017. The aim of the consultation is



to gather the views of stakeholders on priority issues to be addressed in the framework.

Additional consultation workshops are scheduled for Cork, Limerick and Sligo in the coming weeks and details

are available on surveymonkey.com/r/VV25FY5.

Visit www.djei.ie/en/News-And-Events to read the press release in full.

SAFETY ALERT

Safety Alert Hadar range of ATEX lighting products

The Health and Safety Executive in the UK issued this alert regarding light fittings (luminaires) for installation in potentially explosive atmospheres. The luminaires in question were manufactured by the Hadar Division of the A-Belco Group during the period 2006-2016.

This alert is aimed at those using the **HDL100**, **HDL106**, **HDL 206** or **HDL109** series of luminaires, part of the **Hadar ATEX range** of lighting products. Some of these fittings may have been purchased and installed in Ireland.

Visit www.hse.gov.uk/safety/bulletins/ for this safety alert in full.

Safety footwear recall by Shoes for Crews

The Health and Safety Authority has been advised of a voluntary product recall of the following safety footwear under the brand Shoes for Crews.

Products: **Alaskan II/Alaskan 2**; **Aramis (black and white)**; **Colt Light/Lite**, **Defense**; **Guard**; **Luigi Light/Lite (black and white)**; **Mario Light/Lite (black and white)**; **Portos (black and white)**; **Triston (black and white)**; **Velocity II/Velocity 2**; **Warrior Light/Lite**.

For further information check:
<https://sfcrecall.expertinquiry.com/>
<http://www.sfceurope.com>

New HSA Board Announced

Minister Pat Breen TD recently announced new appointments to the Board of the Health and Safety Authority.

Chairperson: Mr Tom Coughlan was formerly Chief Executive of Clare County Council (2009-2016) and is a board member of the Shannon Group PLC.

Ordinary Members: Three of the ordinary members who were recruited to the Board of the HSA via the Public Appointments Service (PAS) in 2014 have been re-appointed for a second three-year term. They have been joined by a new appointee, Ms Deirdre Cullivan. Ms Cullivan was recruited through the Public Appointments Service (PAS) and is a science graduate with senior level experience in Human Resources Management in the Pharmaceutical sector. She is currently a Board member with the Irish Blood Transfusion Service.

For the press release in full please visit www.djei.ie/en/News-And-Events/

The full membership of the new Board is as follows:

CHAIRPERSON

Tom Coughlan

Former Chief Executive, Clare County Council (2009 -2016). Board member of the Shannon Group PLC.

REPRESENTING EMPLOYERS

Michael Gillen

Senior Executive with PharmaChemical Ireland (PCI): IBEC (reappointment)

Andrew Bowers

Director Operational Excellence, EMEA at Baxter Healthcare Corporation. IBEC (new appointment)

Dermot Carey

Head of Safety and Manpower Services at the Construction Industry Federation: CIF (new appointment)

REPRESENTING EMPLOYEES

Frank Vaughan

Director of Learning at the Irish Congress of Trade Unions. ICTU (reappointment)

Christine Rowland

Independent Consultant, retired SIPTU official. ICTU (reappointment)

Pat Kenny

Trade Union Official, Communication Workers Union. ICTU (reappointment)

MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS

Carol Bolger

Former Head of Business Management, Ulster Bank (reappointment)

John McCartney

Director of Research at Chartered Surveyors Savills Ireland (reappointment)

Professor James Phelan

Former Dean of Agriculture & Head of the Department of Agribusiness, Extension and Rural Development, University College Dublin (reappointment)

Paul Cullen

Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (reappointment)

Deirdre Cullivan

HR Consultant (new appointment)

NISO Welcomes New Members

National Irish Safety Organisation would like to welcome all of the organisations that have joined recently. As a not for profit organisation with charitable status, your membership of NISO supports our endeavours to promote health and safety in Irish workplaces.

New Members

Organisations to recently join NISO include:

- ACS Facilities Management
- Bausch & Lomb
- Bunzl Safety
- Cilldara Pest Control
- GEM Utilities Ltd.
- Irish School of Motoring
- Kingdom Installation Ltd.
- McGrattan & Kenny Ltd.
- Paddy Martin Plant Hire Ltd.
- Proficient Engineering Limited
- Tusla – Child and Family Agency
- Version 1
- Westbel Utility Services

Contact NISO on 01 465 9760 or email info@niso.ie for further information on NISO membership or to receive a copy of our Membership Brochure.

FEATURED MEMBERS



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NISO Introduction to Occupational Health and Safety Certificate Course – now also taking place in Dublin and Waterford

The NISO Introduction to Occupational Health and Safety Course is now taking place in two new venues – Waterford IT and the NISO Training Centre in Ballymount, Dublin 12. It will also continue to take place in Athlone IT and Limerick IT in spring and autumn each year. The course commenced in Waterford IT in January 2017 and will run again in September 2017. It is scheduled to commence in Dublin this September.

The NISO Introduction to Occupational Health and Safety Course takes place over 13 weeks, two hours per week. The course objectives are:

- 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.
- To provide a solid foundation in

Occupational Health and Safety to anyone interested in pursuing a career or in taking on responsibilities in this area.

For further information please visit niso.ie under the Health & Safety Training tab.



Gearoid Higgins receiving his NISO award as the best student on the BSc in EHS Management course 2016. L to R: Dr. Sean Reidy, Lecturer, AIT; Harry Galvin, President, NISO; Gearoid Higgins, BSc in EHS Management; John Flanagan, Chairperson, NISO Midland Region; Chris McCormack, Vice Chairperson, NISO Midland Region.

Last call to pre-register your low volume chemicals



The third and last registration deadline for existing chemicals manufactured or imported in the EU/EEA from 1 to 100 tonnes a year is on 31 May 2018. If you want to benefit from this extended deadline for registering, you have to pre-register your substances. Many companies have already done so by the original pre-registration deadline in December 2008. To benefit from the extended deadline for registering existing, low

volume chemicals by the last REACH registration deadline, you need to have pre-registered your substance with ECHA. If you manufacture or import a substance for the first time at or above 1 to 100 tonnes per year, and your substance is not a known carcinogen, mutagen or toxic to reproduction, you can still pre-register within six months of starting the activity, and at the latest by 31 May 2017 – one year before the deadline.

If you have recently started

to manufacture or import a non-CMR phase-in substance in amounts of 1 to 100 tonnes a year, you can pre-register within six months after starting the activity. However, the last possibility is on 31 May 2017. Pre-registration enables you to continue supplying your low-volume chemicals legally on the EU/EEA market until the registration deadline.

If you do not have a valid pre-registration or registration for your

substance after 31 May 2017, you will need to submit an inquiry to ECHA and register your substance before you can manufacture or import it. The same applies if you manufacture or import 100 tonnes or more of the chemical a year or one tonne or more a chemical that is classified as carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction (CMR).

Source: echa.europa.eu

Visualisation tool on Europe's ageing workforce

As part of the three-year project on “Safer and healthier work at any age” the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) has developed an interactive, online visualisation tool illustrating the findings from the project. The project explores demographic trends, challenges and existing strategies and policies for safer and healthy ageing at work.

It is estimated that up to 27% of the EU's population will be over the age of 65 by 2040. The objectives of the “Safer and healthier work at any age” project were to examine the safety and health of older workers and to identify ways of ensuring sustainable work. The results aim to inform policy development in this area. The multilingual visualisation tool allows



easy and quick access to the results. Five interactive dashboards, featuring graphs with facts and figures, allow users to explore the key issues and compare country-specific and EU-wide demographics. Users can also examine the existing policies, strategies and programmes of EU Member States, and compare policy

development and approaches in different European countries. Country profiles provide an at-a-glance visual summary of the situation in 31 European countries, with links to more detailed information on each country. A final overview report combines all of the project's findings and discusses their

policy relevance. The information sheet accompanying the report summarises the key points. All of these products, aiming to inform policy-makers and the occupational safety and health community, are now available online – visit <https://osha.europa.eu>.

NISO 2017 AGM

NISO held its 2017 AGM in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Sligo, on 22 April.



The NISO 2017 AGM: (l to r) Michael O'Neill, vice president; Des Brandon, treasurer; Fergal McKeivitt, secretary; Harry Galvin, president.

President's Report

Chairing his first AGM as NISO president, Harry Galvin opened the 2017 AGM by stating that he is pleased to report that in NISO's 53rd year the organisation is still pursuing the aspirations of its founders in seeking to promote best practice in safety, health and welfare in all areas of work in Ireland.

Mr Galvin thanked the NISO head office staff and the executive committee for their support and hard work over the year. He also thanked the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation for their continued support and Minister Pat Breen T. D. for his engagement at the NISO annual conference and the All Ireland Safety Awards presentation dinner.

Mr Galvin also noted the support of the HSA, Ibex, ICTU and Insurance Ireland over the past year. He gave his appreciation to Insurance

Ireland for their financial support of educational workshops which will take place during 2017.

Stating that the workforce in Ireland is now in excess of 2 million and climbing, Mr Galvin said that NISO is of the view that more resources are needed from the government to fund the Health and Safety Authority to enable them to fulfil their function.

In conclusion, Mr Galvin called on all NISO members to renew their efforts through the promotion of safety and health awareness, education and most of all by example.

Secretary's Report

In his first report as honorary secretary of NISO, Fergal McKeivitt thanked the NISO staff, directors and executive committee, stating that with their support, dedication and hard work, NISO has a bright and

promising future.

Mr McKeivitt stated that according to the official figures 44 people were killed in workplace accidents in 2016, representing a 21% reduction on the 56 reported fatalities in 2015. He noted that the number of farm fatalities remained high with 21 reported in 2016 compared to 18 in 2015 but that construction fatalities were down to nine in 2016 from 11 in 2015. Mr McKeivitt called on NISO's farming colleagues and the farming organisations to take a detailed look at the terrible safety record.

The issue of disproportionately increasing insurance premiums when compared with the relatively small rise in the number of successful claims was raised by Mr McKeivitt. He stated that insurance premiums have increased in the region of 20% and that further clarity is needed on the precise cause of increases at this scale.

The NISO Executive Committee 2017/18:

- **Harry Galvin** (president), East Region
- **Michael O'Neill** (vice president), South Region
- **Fergal McKeivitt** (honorary secretary), North East Region
- **Des Brandon** (treasurer), Members' Representative
- **David Connolly** Members' Representative
- **Pauric Corrigan** West Region
- **Pat Donnelly** Northeast Region
- **Michael Dowling** Irish Congress of Trade Unions
- **John Flanagan** Midland Region
- **Catherine Hession** Members' Representative
- **Michael Horan** Insurance Ireland
- **Michelle McDermott** Health and Safety Authority
- **Anne Murphy** Ibex
- **Edel Niland** Members' Representative
- **John O'Reilly** East Region
- **Sean O'Shaughnessy** South Region
- **John Quinn** North West Region
- **Michael Ryan** South East Region
- **Philip Thornton** Mid West Region

Success for Cork teams at the 44th All Ireland Safety Quiz Finals

At the All Ireland Safety Quiz Finals held in Sligo on Saturday 22 April 2017, BioMarin International Ltd., Cork, were the overall winners in both the Previous Entrants and Novice Categories.

The All Ireland Occupational Safety Quiz Finals are run jointly by the National Irish Safety Organisation (NISO) and the Northern Ireland Safety Group (NISG). A total of 13 teams competed from all parts of the island of Ireland.

There was a great turnout at the event, held at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Sligo, with great support for the participating teams from their coworkers.

In the Previous Entrants final, it was BioMarin International Ltd. with 105 points [out of a maximum of 128 marks] who topped the category, ahead of runners-up, Abbott Ireland Diagnostics Division, Sligo, who finished a close second with 103 points. The other five teams in this category also performed strongly.

The results in the Novice Category finals were very close with BioMarin International Ltd. emerging as this year's victors with a total of 80 points [out of a maximum of 96 marks]. For the second place title, with a score of 77 points each, Allied Irish Bank (AIB) and Abbott Ireland Diagnostics Division Sligo went head to head with a tiebreaker question which was won by Allied Irish Bank (AIB) won the round after one question. The other three teams in this category followed closely behind.



BioMarin International Ltd., Previous Entrants category winner

Keith Morrison, chief executive, Health and Safety Executive Northern Ireland (HSENI), presented the prizes at a special prize-giving dinner that evening and congratulated all participating teams. Mr. Morrison thanked all of the teams who attended the finals and also thanked the teams who competed at regional level stating that participation in the quiz showed a true commitment to promoting health and safety. He also stated that at its core, the quiz is about learning and bringing that learning back to organisations which helps to stop fatalities in the workplace.

Harry Galvin, president, National Irish Safety Organisation, thanked all

of the teams who participated in this year's quiz, stating that the quiz is a fun and sociable way to learn about occupational health and safety. Mr. Galvin also noted BioMarin International Ltd's achievement in having winning teams in both

categories of the quiz.

Northern Ireland Safety Group Chairperson Mandy Nelson congratulated the participants and commended all the work put in by the teams for the All Ireland Safety Quiz finals.





BioMarin International Ltd., Novice Entrants category winner



Abbott Ireland Diagnostics Division Sligo, Previous Entrants category runners-up



Allied Irish Banks, Novice category runners-up

Previous Entrants Category Winners

1st Place: BioMarin International Ltd (representing the South Region)

2nd Place: Abbott Ireland Diagnostics Division Sligo (representing the North West Region)

3rd Place: Abbott Ireland Nutritional Division (representing the North East Region) and **Alkermes Pharma Ireland Limited** (representing the Midland Region)

Novice Category Winners

1st Place: BioMarin International Ltd (representing the South Region)

2nd Place: Allied Irish Bank (AIB) (representing the East Region)

3rd Place: Abbott Ireland Diagnostics Division Sligo (representing the North West Region)

Other participating teams were [in alphabetical order]:

Abbott Ireland Nutritional Division (representing the North East Category) **Novice Category**

Applied Material Ireland (representing the East Region) **Previous Entrant Category**

Ingersoll-Rand International Limited (Representing the West Region) **Previous Entrant Category**

Kirby Group Engineering (representing the Mid West Region) **Previous Entrant Category**

JJ Rhatigan & Company (representing West region) **Novice Category**

Rosderra Irish Meats (representing the Midland Region) **Novice Category**

Safety on Workplace Stairs and Steps

Eamonn O'Sullivan, Inspector with the Health and Safety Authority, writes about the risks associated with workplace stairs and how to manage them.

Do you or your workers encounter stairs or steps at work? If so, you need to understand that they can be very dangerous. Going down stairs and steps is more dangerous than going up. **In Ireland at least one person falls every working day on work stairs and steps.** Injuries are often serious with almost one quarter of those injured being out of work for over a month.

While the Building Regulations specify the requirements for stairs and steps depending on the intended use, safety legislation specifies general safety requirements for stairs and steps in the workplace. Stairs and steps can often be made safer very simply, without the need for major structural works. Businesses need not be afraid to examine the danger of falling on stairs and steps. Businesses themselves can carry out simple checks to identify potential dangers. Structural works may not always be required to make stairs and steps safer. Many operational controls can be put in place to greatly improve their safety.

There is no reason to ignore the risk of slipping, tripping and falling on work stairs and steps. Workplaces may not be aware what causes stairs and steps to be dangerous or what simple checks can be carried out. There are a number of

safeguards that can be put in place to make them safer by reviewing the four key elements of stairs and steps safety.

The four key elements are:

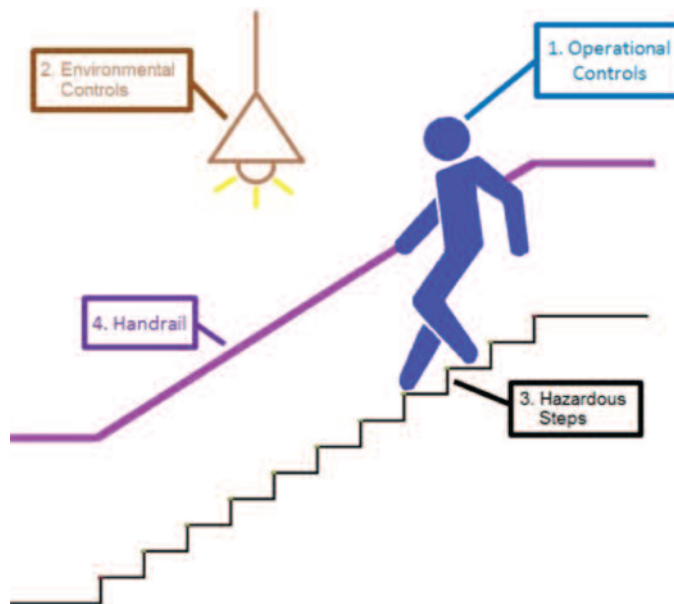
- Operational Controls
- Environmental Controls
- Hazardous Steps
- Handrails

All four elements are interdependent but they should not be looked at in isolation. All four elements must be in order to provide safer stairs and steps. For example, one should not just look at the geometry of steps without looking at the other three elements.

Operational controls can have a major impact towards safer stairs, with little or no cost. Many workplaces have not yet considered operational controls on stairs and steps such as prohibiting dangerous and distracting activities, e.g. using hand held devices, or introducing safer practices, e.g. cleaning when closed.

Environmental controls can help ensure visual clarity at stairs and steps. We use stairs so intuitively that it's important to clearly highlight the dangers and safety precautions.

Environmental controls include adequate uninterrupted lighting and removal of distractions. Controls can also include clearly visible handrail(s)



and clearly visible non-slip step edges (or “nosings”).

Hazardous steps can be a slippery step, a surprise step, a short or irregular step. A slippery step should be made non-slip and kept dry. A surprise step should be removed or highlighted. Simple checks can be carried out to see if a step is short or irregular and it may be possible, with the correct technical advice, to make structural changes. If not, short or irregular steps should be highlighted and operational controls, environmental controls and handrails ensured.

Handrail(s) may be the last hope of stopping a fall that has started. Handrail use can also discourage rushing. Handrails should be at the right height and be visually

obvious. It's important that handrails permit a full “power” grip.

In the past, businesses may have been very anxious about looking at slips, trips and falls on work stairs and steps. Because they are a basic part of the structure, there's a lot that businesses cannot do.

Too many people are getting hurt on stairs and steps at work but you can do something about it. Visit www.hsa.ie/stairs for further information, call the Health and Safety Authority on 1890 289 389 or email wcu@hsa.ie.

IOSH-funded research sheds light on Irish work-related road deaths

Nearly a quarter of all road traffic fatalities in Ireland are work-related, according to IOSH-funded research.

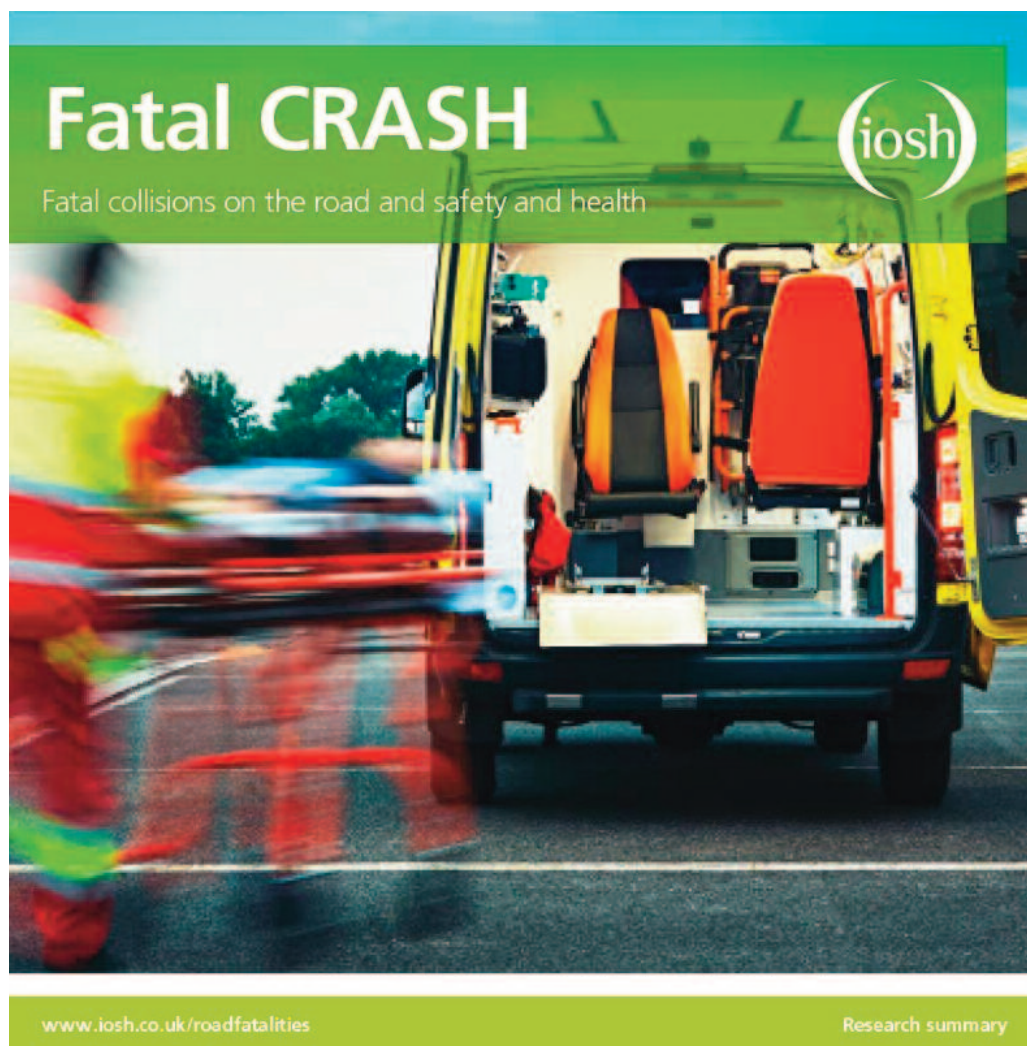
Researchers from University College Dublin analysed the coroner records on all road traffic fatalities in Ireland over a four-year period (2008-2011), in order to show for the first time the scale of work-related road traffic collisions and the associated fatalities

A total of 833 deaths from road traffic accidents were recorded during the period. One hundred and ninety-three of these deaths (23 per cent) were identified by the researchers as work-related meaning that a worker, work activity or work process was involved in the collision. Truck drivers were involved in 99 of the 193 accidents.

Of these deaths, 85% are of bystanders while the remaining 15% are of workers themselves.

The researchers identified three key groups at risk from work-related road traffic fatalities: those who are driving for work; those who work on the side of the road; and non-workers (bystanders) whose deaths occur due to a work-related driving activity.

“The most striking depositions are those in which drivers of large vehicles were largely unaware of the collision with a pedestrian or a cyclist, until they were halted by a witness further on in their journey,” said Professor Anne Drummond from the UCD



School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science, University College Dublin, who led the study team.

The results of this study provide a benchmark for both future recording of data on work-related road traffic fatalities and national and employer level strategies for prevention and intervention strategies.

Kate Field, Head of Information and Intelligence at IOSH, said:

“Work-related road traffic fatalities are a matter of serious public health concern and have an impact on the individual, family, and society as a whole. This is one of the main reasons why IOSH, through University College Dublin, funded this research.”

The full report, entitled Fatal collisions on the road and safety and health, can be downloaded at www.iosh.co.uk/roadfatalities



Cathy Newman, Journalist and TV presenter

First IOSH 2017 speakers named

Journalist and TV presenter Cathy Newman is to chair the Institution's annual conference later this year. IOSH 2017's conference producer, Sue Bull, said the Institution was delighted to have someone of the calibre of Cathy overseeing proceedings this year.

She said: "We were looking for someone who would be an expert facilitator, who would be really well researched and who would get involved with the conference. Cathy ticks all of those boxes."

"We are sure having such an experienced and well-respected journalist as Cathy on-board will ensure delegates attending IOSH 2017 get the insight they need to update their skills, knowledge and influence their profession."

Cathy is the second high-profile name to have been announced for IOSH 2017 to-date, with former Paralympic athlete Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson also confirmed as a keynote speaker.

The Institution's flagship event is due to be held at the International Convention Centre (ICC), in Birmingham, UK, on 20-21

November, with IOSH organising every aspect of it for the first time this year.

Sue said: "All workforces need the skills of occupational safety and health professionals to help workers carry out their roles to the best of their abilities. I am certain that the IOSH 2017 conference will be enormously beneficial for all those who attend."

An early bird ticket price is available for those who book their conference passes before 31 July, while IOSH has also introduced a range of new ticket deals including special rates for full-time students and apprentices.

Online bookings can be made at www.ioshconference.com. For general conference enquiries email ioshconference@iosh.co.uk, or call +44 (0)116 257 3129.

New courses

Fire safety and environmental management are the subject of three new IOSH training products.

Environment for Business, Fire Safety for Managers and Fire Safety Awareness have been developed in collaboration with world-renowned experts to respond to the needs of industry partners in different sectors and regions.

IOSH has also released a revised version of its Managing Safely Refresher course, which will help organisations ensure staff are up-to-date with their health and safety knowledge.

Dina Alkhalidi, Head of Customer Engagement for IOSH's Training and Skills division, said: "Our training partners and members in the UK and internationally have requested these types of course. The Middle East has a real appetite for fire safety courses, in particular."

"As some of the world's tallest and most sophisticated buildings are constructed, developers and facilities managers must ensure their knowledge and competence keeps pace with the challenges and risks they pose. These new courses are designed to include the very latest good-practice information that can be applied worldwide." Dina added: "Our Environment for Business course shows how good environmental management can drive efficiency and profitability in new ways."

For more information about these and other courses from IOSH, visit www.iosh.co.uk/training

Financial Services Group

IOSH members who work in finance and related professional services are invited to apply to join the committee of the Institution's new Financial Services Group.

It has been set up to bring together health and safety professionals who work for organisations such as banks and insurance firms and individuals connected with the provision of financial services.

Group Chair Tony Bough said: "It is often unrecognised, but the financial services sector has a diverse range of risks. These risks include those to both the safety and health of employees."

"With that in mind I felt there was a real opportunity for a new IOSH group to be able to bring together health and safety representatives from across the sector. This will enable the sharing of good practice and exploring of new ways of protecting workers."

For more information, contact Julie Littlejohns, Relationship Manager for the Group, by emailing julie.littlejohns@iosh.co.uk

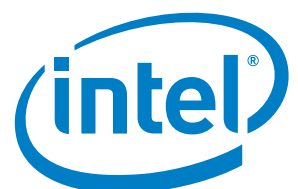




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NISO Staff Profiles



Ted O'Keeffe
General Manager

Ted reports to the Executive Committee as the general manager of NISO's office. He takes an active role in organising and managing the day to day activities of the organisation ably assisted by his colleagues. His hands-on approach and knowledge of NISO provides continuity and successful events year after year.

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Events and Training Executive

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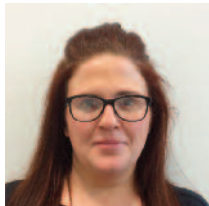
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Events Assistant

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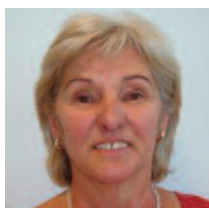
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New Publications

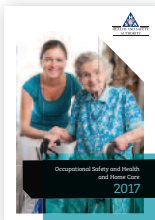
Becoming a Safety Representative or Joining the Safety Committee

Your employer must ensure that you are allowed to carry out your role as a safety representative or as a member of the safety committee. They must ensure that you can obtain the training to carry out your functions successfully.



Occupational Safety and Health and Home Care

This information sheet is aimed at employers and employees providing formal care for older and vulnerable people in their own home. In Ireland, home care services are provided by the HSE, the voluntary sector and private providers.



Safe Load Securing on Curtain-sided Vehicles

Load shifts can damage the goods you're carrying, along with your vehicle, and put your life and other people's lives at risk.



Safe Load Securing of Round Timber

Round timber is a 'live' commodity, which can lead to independent movement of parts of the load if the



restraint used is not adequate.

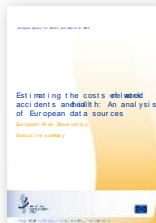
Safe Load Securing of Site Cabins and Prefabs

Due to their size, weight and configuration, consignments of site cabins and prefabricated accommodation units are high-risk loads.



Estimating the cost of work-related accidents and ill-health: An analysis of European data sources – Executive Summary

This publication summarises a report that presents the results of a survey of national and international data sources on the costs of work-related injuries, illnesses and deaths. The aim was to evaluate the quality and comparability of different



sources as a first step towards estimating the costs of accidents and ill-health at work in Europe. The survey found that there was insufficient data to determine these costs exactly; however, recommendations are made on using estimates to bridge the data gap. Visit osha.europa.eu

Rehabilitation and return to work after cancer – Executive Summary

As treatments have improved, there are more and more people surviving cancer in Europe. While most cancer survivors return to work after treatment, many face long-term symptoms and impairments that can make it difficult for them to do so. This executive summary provides an overview of the relevant scientific literature,



conducted to collect information on existing initiatives, policies and practices on rehabilitation and return to work after cancer and gather examples of successful interventions. Visit osha.europa.eu

Legislation

S.I. No. 5/2017 - European Communities (Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 2017.

These Regulations remove an existing provision for ADR tank-vehicles that allows certification as "national use only" tank vehicles under a competent person inspection and test scheme. These Regulations impose the requirement for such tank-vehicles to instead be inspected and tested to ADR standards by an appointed inspection body. The Regulations shall come into operation on 1 July 2017.

Fatal Workplace Injuries by Economic Sector 2008-2017 (NACE Revision 2)

Economic sector	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
A - Agriculture + forestry and fishing	7+0+0	21+0+3	18+6	30+1	16+5	20+8	22+5	22+7	10+3	20+2
B - Mining and quarrying	0	1	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	1
C - Manufacturing	0	2	3	3	1	0	2	2	1	6
D - Electricity; gas, steam and air conditioning supply	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
E - Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	0	1	3	0	1	4	3	2	0	2
F - Construction	3	9	11	8	11	8	6	6	10	15
G - Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and personal goods	1	2	2	4	3	3	2	4	2	3
H - Transportation and storage	4	1	4	4	4	1	7	3	6	3
I - Accommodation and food service activities	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
J - Information and communication	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K - Financial and insurance activities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L - Real estate activities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M - Professional, scientific and technical activities	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	1
N - Administrative and support service activities	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0
O - Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	1
P - Education	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Q - Human health and social work activities	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
R - Arts, entertainment and recreation	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
S - Other service activities	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Total	15	44	56	55	47	48	54	48	43	57

(Source: HSA, correct at 2 May 2017 – Not that some accidents may be under investigation and may not have been recorded yet.)

National Irish Safety Organisation Events Diary



Please keep an eye on our website niso.ie for forthcoming courses in 2017.

1. NISO Safe Pass Training:

East: NISO Training Centre,
Ballymount, Dublin 12
Dates: 12, 16, 26 May; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
June
Weekly: On Fridays

South East: Clonmel Park Hotel,
Poppyfields, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary
Dates: 17 May; 14 June; 19 July
Monthly

South: Oriel House Hotel, Ballincollig,
Cork
Dates: 24 May; 21 June; 26 July
Monthly

South East: Springhill Court Hotel,
Co. Kilkenny
Dates: 10 May; 7 June; 12 July
Monthly

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

**Introduction to H&S for the non
safety specialist (NISO Cert)**
Duration: 2 days
4-5 May

IOSH Working Safely
Duration: 1 day
16 May

Manual Handling Basic
Duration: half day
18 May

Risk Assessment – Basic Concepts
(NISO cert)
Duration: 2 days
22-23 May

VDU/DSE Assessor Course (NISO cert)
Duration: 1 day
23 May; 3 July

Occupational First Aid Refresher,
(NISO Cert)
Duration: 1 day
26 May

Noise at Work Risk Assessment & Management

IOSH Certificate
Duration: 4.5 days
12-16 June

Risk Assessment, QQI L5
Duration: 4 days
19-22 June

Health and Safety Representation
(QQI L5)
Duration: 4 days
26-29 June

**Hand Arm Vibration Risk Assessment
& Management Training**
IOSH Certificate
Duration: 2 days
18-19 October

3. Courses and events in the regions

EAST REGION

**Course: NISO Introduction to
Occupational Health and Safety**
NISO Training Centre
Course length: 13 weeks/2 hrs p/wk
Commencing: September 2017
Contact: sbirkett@niso.ie

MIDLAND REGION

**Course: NISO Introduction to
Occupational Health and Safety**
Athlone Institute of Technology
Course length: 13 weeks/2 hrs p/wk
Commencing: September 2017
Contact: sreidy@ait.ie

**Seminar: REACH/CLP for Downstream
Users**
Date: 4 May
Venue: The Radisson Blu Hotel,
Athlone, Co. Westmeath

Seminar: Safe Working at Height
Date: 4 May
Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone,
Co. Westmeath

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 2017
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Seminar: Safe Working at Height
Date: 18 May
Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Limerick

NORTH WEST REGION

Masterclass: Workplace Wellbeing
Date: 31 May
Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Sligo

SOUTH REGION

Seminar: Safe Working at Height
Date: 1 June
Venue: Clayton Hotel Silver Springs,
Cork

SOUTH EAST REGION

**Course: NISO Introduction to
Occupational Health and Safety**
Venue: Waterford Institute of
Technology
Course length: 13 weeks/2 hrs p/wk
Commencing: September 2017
Contact: sbirkett@niso.ie

WEST REGION

Masterclass: Workplace Wellbeing
Date: 30 May
Venue: Oranmore Lodge Hotel,
Galway

4. National/All Ireland Events

**NISO Annual Conference and Trade
Exhibition**
Date: 13 October 2017
Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Galway

**NISO/NISG All Ireland Safety
Awards Gala Dinner**
Date: 13 October 2017
Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Galway



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