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President's Message

NISO Annual AGM

It was great to return to our normal practice of holding the NISO AGM in conjunction with the All Ireland Safety Quiz Finals after two years of disruption caused by COVID-19. Both events were held in Tullamore on 14 May 2022.

Our membership currently represents in the order of 600,000 workers throughout the country, ranging from small to large organisations.

In 2021, events organised by NISO both nationally and by our Regional Committees, mainly online, saw more than 2,000 individuals taking part. These figures are in addition to the daily phone and email queries from members during the year. This clearly shows how important our contribution to safety and health is to our members.

The NISO membership base represents a cross section of organisations in most sectors, but the IT sector and government organisations and agencies are underrepresented.

H&S Funding

As I have said many times in recent years, 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.

We have made many requests and submissions to the government to increase funding and support for the HSA so that their staffing numbers can be increased. We are pleased that extra staff are being recruited.

OSH Priorities

COVID-19 has been high on everyone's agenda over the last two years and has received and continues to receive a large amount of publicity. We must not only respond to the pandemic but we must continue to keep a focus on all other aspects of health and safety in the workplace.

Machinery, vehicles, slips, trips and falls etc. continue to be the causes of most accidents, injuries and fatalities in the workplace.



Harry Galvin, President,
National Irish Safety Organisation

Accident Prevention

It was interesting to see that awards for injuries are showing signs of reducing in line with recent judicial guidelines. This is seen by some as the solution to high insurance premiums. The media, government and other lobby groups are quick to champion this view.

If only we could get all of these parties as interested in investment in the prevention of these accidents there would be a sharp reduction in injuries and therefore major insurance savings. Speaking about prevention policies does not get the media attention but speaking about reducing compensation payments gets plenty of media coverage for themselves.

Let's us focus on prevention in all areas of health, safety and welfare for all our people.

I will conclude by calling on all of you to renew your efforts in the promotion of safety and health awareness, and education. Most of all by example and leadership to improve safety and health in Ireland.



Harry Galvin
President
National Irish Safety Organisation.

CSPAC launches Action Plan for 2022–2024

The Construction Safety Partnership Advisory Committee (CSPAC) has published its latest Action Plan for 2022–2024.



The CSPAC is made up of representatives (including NISO), workers and experts from a variety of construction organisations and is tasked with improving occupational health and safety in the sector. The aim of the Action Plan is to reduce the level of fatalities, serious injuries and ill health in the construction sector.

- There were ten construction-related fatalities in Ireland in 2021 and many more suffered serious life changing injuries as a result of work-related incidents.
- Over the last ten years, from 2012 - 2021, there were 95 fatalities in the construction sector.
- The new plan focuses on five critical areas and working groups have been set up to develop and implement specific actions in these five areas.

Welcoming the new Construction Safety Partnership Action Plan 2022–2024, the Minister of State for

Business, Employment and Retail, Damien English TD, stated “While construction work represented approximately 6% of the working population in 2021, it accounted for 26% of all workplace fatalities and thus represents a major challenge for the sector. This new plan from the Construction Safety Partnership that has been brought together by its multi-stakeholder membership will focus on the key areas where health and safety improvements in construction are needed the most.” Mr. English TD also urged employers in the construction sector to make use of the free HSA online safety training resources.

The aim of the new Construction Safety Action Plan is to reduce the level of fatalities, serious injuries and ill health in the construction sector. The CSPAC has identified five critical areas for attention:

1. Standardise the approach to the management of health and safety.

2. Improve awareness/compliance of clients on small, high risk projects such as once-off builds and construction on farms.
3. Improve safety consultation, worker engagement and encourage facilitation of safety representatives.
4. Examine existing CSCS courses with a view to identifying new courses required/needed by industry, and consider new ways of delivering Safe Pass.
5. Address occupational health in construction, such as safety concerns around manual handling, exposure to hazardous chemicals and the risk around sun exposure.

The Health and Safety Authority has many free tools, courses and supports available, including free health and safety courses on [HSA Learning.ie](https://hsalearning.ie) and [BeSMART.ie](https://besmart.ie), the free online safety management and risk assessment tool.

Source: hsa.ie



The Late Alan Thompson

In April NISO lost a great servant when our former President, Alan Thompson, passed away after a long fight with cancer. Alan served both the Eastern Region and Executive Committee with great dedication and commitment.

When NISO was experiencing some difficulties in 2008 Pauric and I as the new President and Secretary phoned Alan and asked him if he would assist NISO by becoming acting CEO to stabilise the organisation.

Alan, who was retired at the time and in Spain when we called, responded that he would be on the next plane home. He took on the role of Acting CEO for a number of months while we sorted out the difficulties and the organisation has never looked back.

His contribution to NISO over decades cannot be forgotten. To his wife Ruth, daughter Wendy and wider family we offer our deepest sympathies.

Harry Galvin,
President, NISO

EU strengthens protection of workers from dangerous chemicals



The European Council has given its final green light to amend the carcinogens and mutagens directive, an EU law to protect workers from risks related to exposure to carcinogenic and mutagenic substances.

The revision will improve workers' protection by setting exposure limits for acrylonitrile and nickel compounds and lowering existing limits for benzene. The directive will from now on also offer increased protection against reprotoxic substances, chemicals which may interfere with the human reproductive system. These substances were previously dealt with under a different law.

According to Commission data, more than one million workers are exposed to acrylonitrile and nickel compounds and benzene, and 52% of occupational deaths in the European Union each year are due to cancer.

Reprotoxic substances

The limit values for 12 reprotoxic substances that are currently dealt with under another EU law will be transferred to the stricter carcinogens and mutagens directive. The directive will

therefore be renamed the carcinogens, mutagens and reprotoxic substances directive, or CMRD.

Hazardous medicinal products
Healthcare workers who deal with carcinogenic, mutagenic or reprotoxic drugs, so called hazardous medicinal products, will receive better training on how to handle them safely. The new law stipulates that the Commission must issue guidelines on training, surveillance and monitoring of these products.

Action plan

According to the revised directive, the Commission has been tasked to present an action plan to achieve new or revised occupational exposure limits values for at least 25 substances, groups of substances or process-generated substances no later than 31 December 2022 and present legislative proposals, where appropriate.

Next steps

Member states have two years following today's adoption to comply with the agreed changes.

Source: consilium.europa.eu

New safety resources available to truck operators

Operating a truck or heavy commercial vehicle is a high-risk activity, but it is an activity that must be managed and controlled so as not to cause harm to people. Many truck drivers are injured and killed but others are often victims of incidents involving truck operations involving fellow workers, other road users and vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists, and motorcyclists.

The Road Safety Authority, Health and Safety Authority and An Garda Síochána have developed a dedicated resource portal providing the essentials on safe truck fleet operations. The suite of resources available to truck operators and

drivers are available at www.drivingforwork.ie.

The resources are available to help truck operators and drivers to put in place safer vehicle, driver and journey risk management practices. The presentations, podcasts and dedicated links to guidance material focus on such areas as transport operations management, vehicle management, driver management, chain of responsibility and medical fitness to drive.

The resource portal will be of particular interest and benefit to employers, self-employed, transport,

safety and fleet managers who operate heavy commercial vehicles in all work sectors specifically those involved in routine transport of goods, equipment and materials.

Remember employers, managers and supervisors must, by law, manage the risks that employees face and create for others when they drive or operate heavy commercial vehicles for work. You can access all resources at www.drivingforwork.ie

Source. www.hsa.ie

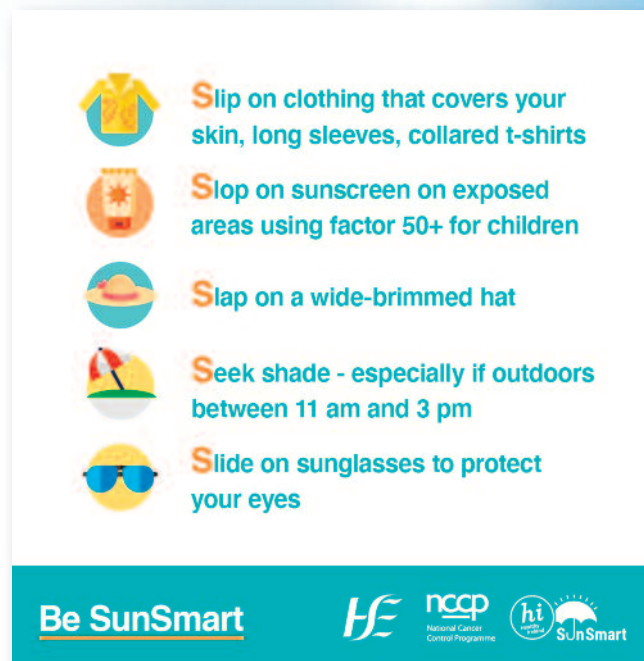


SunSmart resources for outdoor workers

As part of the SunSmart campaign the Health Service Executive's National Cancer Control Programme, in collaboration with Healthy Ireland and cross-sectoral partners, are working together to support people to protect their skin from the sun. The aim of the campaign is to increase awareness of the steps you can take to protect your skin from the sun and reduce your risk of skin cancer in Ireland. Outdoor workers have been identified as a high-risk group for the development of skin cancer as they spend long periods outdoors. A number of resources were developed for employers of outdoor workers to deliver a focused approach to support SunSmart awareness and behaviours among outdoor workers.

The available resources include a SunSmart outdoor workers infographic, SunSmart UV Exposure Risk Assessment for Outdoor Workers, SunSmart audit tool and a framework for skin cancer prevention in outdoor workers, links to two webinars and lots more.

Source: hse.ie



Code of Practice on Sexual Harassment and Harassment at Work

This Code of Practice (COP) has been prepared by the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC) with the approval of the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and after consultation with relevant organisations representing equality interests.

The COP seeks to promote the development and implementation of policies and procedures that establish working environments free of harassment in which the dignity of everyone is respected.

The COP aims to give practical guidance to employers organisations, trade unions and employees on:

- What is meant by employment-related harassment and harassment;
- How it can be prevented; and
- What steps ensure that adequate procedures are readily available to deal with the problem and to prevent its recurrence.

Source: www.ihrec.ie

Code of Practice for Fire Safety Assessment of Premises and Buildings

A Code of Practice (COP) for Fire Safety Assessment of Premises and Buildings has been published by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Typically, building owners engage professionals to carry out the fire safety assessment.

It is expected that this COP practice will be of assistance to fire services, in providing standard guidance for building owners and their professional advisors, where the fire service requires a fire safety assessment. There has previously been no standard methodology for carrying out fire safety assessments; it is expected that provision of the COP will introduce a recognised national approach which will assist in this regard.

This COP will provide a framework for rigorous assessment of buildings with respect to fire safety. It will provide for clarity and consistency of approach, nationally. It will also help to ensure reasonable and proportionate recommendations will be made to address any fire safety deficiencies identified in buildings.

Source: www.gov.ie

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.

Contact NISO on 01 465 9750 or email info@niso.ie for further information on NISO membership and to receive a copy of our Membership Brochure.

New Members

Organisations to recently join NISO include:

- **Amber Safety Limited**
- **Bretland Construction Ltd.**
- **Burke Pharmaceutical Engineering**
- **Kiernan Electrical**
- **Perigon Construction Management Ltd.**
- **Radió Teilifís Éireann**
- **Skillko Limited**



Amber Safety Ltd

Amber Safety Ltd provides Health & Safety training nationwide to customers across a wide range of industries, including construction, manufacturing, transport, healthcare, education and public sector.

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The latest feature on Skillko is Learn. Skillko Learn solves the problem of spending multiple hours inducting and onboarding new starters or subcontractors as well as making this process completely paperless to remove even further administration.



Safety Alerts

Meat Processing Machines fitted with safety switch actuators on safety guarded access panels

Following a recent fatality the HSA has issued the following safety alert to employers involved in the meat processing industry regarding the operation of meat processing machines.

An issue which creates a particular hazard that requires special attention is:

- **The use of chemical agents in the cleaning process carried out on the machine and the factory floor can be corrosive to particular metals (e.g. Aluminium) used to construct various machines.**
- **Excessive corrosion has been noted to occur where a stainless steel safety switch actuator (or "key") is mounted on an aluminium mounting block attached to a service access panel.**
- **The corrosion compromises the fixing hardware and may cause the safety switch actuator (or "key") to remain in the switch safety body when the service access panel is opened.**

Employers who own and operate such meat processing machines are advised to have all fitted safety switching assessed to determine if there is a build-up of corroded material on the safety switching hardware and its mounting blocks.

Employers should ensure that competent persons inspect the safety equipment to confirm that they are securely fixed to the available mounts and that the fixings are not compromised by corrosion.

Employers in consultation with suppliers should assess whether the hazard can be removed using redesigned safety measures or by the provision of technical measures to prevent a failure of the safety equipment which might lead to a critical safety failure. In addition, regular and frequent periodic inspections of all safety switch assemblies should be adopted as prescribed under Regulation 30 of the Safety Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations 2007.

Please visit hsa.ie to read this safety alert in full.

Mast climbing work platforms: Failure to detect mechanical failure in drive units leading to uncontrolled fall of platforms

The UK's Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has issued the following safety alert for the attention of employers, dutyholders and anyone else who has responsibility and/or control – directly or indirectly – for supply, installation, use, inspection, servicing, maintenance and thorough examination of mast climbing work platforms (MCWPs) in construction and all other industry users.

The HSE has found a serious technical fault with MCWPs which are widely used across construction projects and other industries. Platforms could fall from height where mechanical faults in drive units go undetected

The HSE has discovered that some MCWPs, which rely on two independent motor drive units per mast as the means to prevent the platform falling with overspeed, are not fitted with suitable and sufficient controls to manage this risk.

This means work platforms could fall from height where mechanical faults in drive units go undetected. If not rectified quickly, the fault could cause serious injury, or even death.

For this safety alert in full and information and advice on what to do if you supply, install, use, inspect, service, maintain or examine MCWPs for use at work please visit hse.gov.uk/safetybulletins/

Success for Cork teams at the 47th All Ireland Safety Quiz Final

At the All Ireland Safety Quiz Finals held in Tullamore, Co. Offaly on Saturday, 14 April 2022, Eurofins Professional Scientific Services, Co. Cork, and BioMarin International Ltd., Co. Cork, were the overall winners in the Previous Entrants and Novice Categories respectively.

The All Ireland Occupational Safety Quiz Finals, which is run jointly by the National Irish Safety Organisation (NISO) and the Northern Ireland Safety Group (NISG), returned this year following a three-year absence due to the COVID-19 restrictions. This year the Quiz Finals included a number of teams that qualified at regional level in 2020 but did not get the chance to compete in the Safety Quiz Finals as the event had to be cancelled.

A total of eight teams competed from all parts of the island of Ireland. There was a great turnout at the event held at the Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, with great support for the participating teams from their co-workers.

The results in the Previous Entrants category finals were very close with Eurofins Professional Scientific Services, Co. Cork, emerging as the

overall winners with 104 points [out of a maximum of 128 marks] ahead of runners-up, Rosderra Irish Meats Group, Co. Offaly, who finished a close second place with 101 points. Following very close behind in third place, with a total of 100 points, was BioMarin International Ltd., Co. Cork. The other teams in this category also performed strongly.

In the Novice Category finals BioMarin International Ltd., Co. Cork were the clear winners finishing with 73 points [out of a maximum of 96 points]. The runners-up in this category, Sensori Facilities Management Ltd. performed well with 64 points, followed close behind by Breedon Ireland who received 63 points.

Harry Galvin, President, National Irish Safety Organisation and Ashleigh Birkett, Chair, Northern Ireland Safety



Eurofins Professional Scientific Services, Previous Entrants category winner

QUIZ FEATURE

Group, presented the awards and trophies at a special prize-giving dinner that evening and congratulated all participating teams.

Mr Galvin commended all the quiz teams, noting that each and every participant should be proud of their efforts to improve occupational health and safety. Mr Galvin also thanked the participating organisations' managers for the support and encouragement shown to their teams.

Ms Birkett congratulated the participants and commended all the work put in by the teams for the All Ireland Safety Quiz finals.

The Regional Heats for the 48th All Ireland Safety Quiz 2023 will commence nationwide in spring 2023.

Previous Entrants Category Winners

1st Place: Eurofins Professional Scientific Services (representing the Southern Region*) (2022 Qualifiers)

2nd Place: Rosderra Irish Meats Group (representing the Midland Region*) (2020 Qualifiers)

3rd Place: BioMarin (representing the Southern Region)* (2020 Qualifiers)

Novice Category Winners

1st Place: BioMarin (representing the Southern Region*) (2022 Qualifiers)

2nd Place: Sensori FM (representing the Eastern Region*) (2022 Qualifiers)

3rd Place: Breedon Group / Rare Breedons (representing Northern Ireland*) (2022 Qualifiers)

Other Finalists [in alphabetical order]

Thermo King (representing the Western Region*) (2020 Qualifiers) Previous Entrants Category

Ulster University / Rogue Racing (representing Northern Ireland*) (2022 Qualifiers) Previous Entrants Category

* East (Dublin, Kildare, Wicklow); Midlands (Laois, Offaly, Longford, Westmeath); Northern Ireland (Antrim, Armagh, Derry, Down, Fermanagh, Tyrone); South (Cork, Kerry); West (Galway, Mayo, Roscommon)



BioMarin International Ltd., Novice category winner



Rosderra Irish Meats Group, Previous Entrants category runner up



Sensori FM, Novice category runner up

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Upcoming Course Dates

**NISO Training
Centre and
Online**

(excluding exam –
classroom only)

COURSE	DATES	EXAM DATE
Workplace Ergonomics	5–9 September	Exam 16 September
Workplace Safety Management Part 1	19–23 September	Exam 30 September
Workplace Accident Investigation	3–7 October	Exam 14 October
Workplace Noise Measurement	17–21 October	Exam 28 October
Behavioural Safety Management	14–18 November	Exam 25 November
Workplace Safety Management Part 1	21–25 November	Exam 2 December
Fire Safety Management Part 1	5–9 December	Exam 16 December
Workplace Safety Management Part 1	9–13 January 2023	Exam 20 January 2023
Fire Safety Management Part 2	23–27 January 2023	Exam 2 February 2023

NISO National AGM 2022



The Annual General Meeting of the National Irish Safety Organisation underway in the Tullamore Court Hotel, Co. Offaly.

NISO held its 2022 AGM in the Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on 14 May 2022.

At the 2022 AGM of the National Irish Safety Organisation NISO President, Harry Galvin, noted that it was great to return to NISO's normal practice of holding the AGM in conjunction with the All Ireland Safety Quiz Finals (which were disrupted in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19).

Mr Galvin reported that NISO is in a stable financial position. He also thanked the NISO secretariat, Executive Committees and Regional Committees for their continued support, hard work and dedication throughout the year, commenting that it had been a difficult two years for all with little face to face contact taking place.

The continued support from and engagement with the Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment, Ibec, ICTU, the HSA, Insurance Ireland and NISG was acknowledged by Mr Galvin.

Special mention was given by Mr Galvin to some of NISO's highlights over the previous year including:

- The 30th Annual All Ireland Safety Awards, hosted by the southern region, in which the Supreme Safety Award, sponsored by Irving Oil Whitegate Refinery, was won by Designer Group.
- The 57th NISO Annual Conference on the theme of "The New World of Health and Safety", hosted by the southern region.
- Launch of the CPD Certificates / Diploma in Safety Management at Work programme in partnership with

Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin).

- The NISO Certificate in Safety, Health and Welfare at Work certificate course which was delivered online from three different locations.

Mr Galvin expressed that he was disturbed to see that 38 people lost their lives in workplace accidents in 2021, a figure which does not include those who lost their lives while driving for work or the deaths of workers who may have contracted COVID-19 in the workplace.

In conclusion, Mr Galvin called on all members to renew their efforts in the promotion of safety and health awareness by leading by example and calling on the politicians of all the parties to commit themselves to the same objectives.

Management Committee

The management committee of the National Irish Safety Organisation has been increased from six members to seven members. The new member is Philip Thornton (Mid West Region).

Management Committee 2022/23

Harry Galvin, president
Des Brandon, vice president
Pauric Corrigan, secretary
Michael O'Neill, treasurer
Mary Keane
Fergal McKeivitt
Philip Thornton

Executive Committee

David Connolly (members' representative)
James Glennon (West region)
Aine Healy (members' representative)
John McCarthy (ICTU representative)
Anne Murphy (Ibec representative)
Edel Niland (members' representative)
Michael O'Keeffe (HSA representative)
Sean O'Shaughnessy (South region)
John Quinn (North West region)
Seán Reidy (Midland region)
Michael Ryan (South East region)



John Flanagan (middle), Midland Region, receiving a presentation from Harry Galvin, President, NISO (left) and Ashleigh Birkett, Chair, NISG (right) upon his retirement from the NISO Executive Committee and the NISO Midland Region Committee where he served as Chairperson.

NISO CERTIFICATE IN SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE AT WORK COURSE

Evening course

2 Hours per week

12 Weeks & Exam



Commencing

Dublin / Online
13 September 2022

TUS - Athlone
19 September 2022

TUS - Limerick
20 September 2022

Castlebar
Date TBC

Waterford
Date TBC

Further information and to book:

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New Publications

Wood Working – Information Sheet

The HSA has published a new information sheet on wood working. Hardwood or softwood dusts generated during work processes can be hazardous to health. This information sheet outlines the routes of exposure, occupational exposure limit, health effects, recommended control measures, health advice and key points.

Available at hsa.ie



including spotting hazards, assessing risks, and choosing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating solutions. Active worker participation helps to identify the most practical solutions because workers know how their jobs are performed and how they are affected by them.

Available at osha.europa.eu



psychosocial risks in micro and small business. Complementing the ESENER 2019 survey results, this report examines how micro and small enterprises manage new and emerging psychosocial risks.

Available at osha.europa.eu

Safety Working with Diesel Engine Exhaust – Information Sheet

Crystalline Silica Dust – Information Sheet

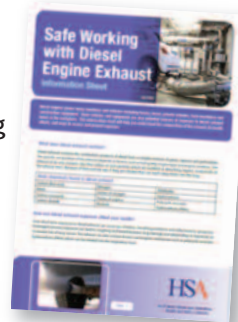
The HSA has published a new information sheet on crystalline silica dust. Inhalation of fine dust containing crystalline silica can cause lung damage (silicosis) which in severe cases can be disabling or even fatal. Where concrete, stone or sand based materials are used, there is a potential for exposure to crystalline silica dust.

Available at hsa.ie



Diesel engines power many machines and vehicles including trucks, buses, private vehicles, farm machinery and construction equipment. Such vehicles and equipment are also potential sources of exposure to diesel exhaust fumes in the workplace. This information sheet from the HSA will help you understand the composition of the exhaust, its health effects, and ways to assess and prevent exposure.

Available at hsa.ie



Share your thoughts...



If you have any health and safety ideas, experiences, stories or tips that you would like to share with NISO Update readers, we would love to hear from you!

Please send an email expressing your interest in contributing to NISO Update to Geraldine at gbrady@niso.ie.

Preventing musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) through active worker participation: good practice tips

This information sheet from EU-OSHA presents advice for effective worker participation in MSD prevention. Workers and/or their representatives should be involved in all stages of MSD risk assessment and prevention,

Successfully managing psychosocial risks in Europe's micro and small businesses

New ESENER report on successful managing



New Legislation

SI No. 610 of 2021 - Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

The Regulations introduce an amendment to the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations 2007 to 2020, specifically to revise Schedule 2 to those Regulations in connection with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in line with the provisions of Directive 2019/1832, and came into effect on 21 November 2021.

In certain circumstances, as a result of the risk assessment, barrier creams could be used together with other PPE with the aim of protecting workers' skin from related risks. Barrier creams are PPE under the scope of Directive 89/656/EEC as this type of equipment can be considered in certain circumstances as "additional or accessory" within the meaning of Article 2 of Directive 89/656/EEC.

However, barrier creams are not PPE according to the definition in Article 3(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/425.



SI No. 619 of 2021 - Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021

The Regulations amend the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations 2007 to 2021, introducing specific PPE requirements for operators of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) when used as part of work practices.

Fatal Workplace Injuries by Economic Sector 2011–2022 (NACE Revision 2)

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
A - Agriculture + forestry and fishing	5	9+2+0	20+0+3	19+0+3	15+1+4	25+0+2	21+5	18+6	32+1	16+5	20+8	22+5
B - Mining and quarrying	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	1	1	1
C - Manufacturing	0	5	4	4	2	0	2	3	3	1	0	2
D - Electricity; gas, steam and air conditioning supply	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
E - Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	3	0	1	4	3
F - Construction	2	10	14	11	5	6	10	11	6	11	8	6
G - Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and personal goods	0	2	5	1	2	3	2	3	5	3	3	2
H - Transportation and storage	0	6	3	6	8	5	1	3	3	4	1	7
I - Accommodation and food service activities	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
J - Information and communication	0	0	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	0	0
L - Real estate activities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M - Professional, scientific and technical activities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2
N - Administrative and support service activities	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0
O - Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	4	1	0	0	1
P - Education	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Q - Human health and social work activities	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	1
R - Arts, entertainment and recreation	0	1	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
S - Other service activities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total	10	38	53	47	39	48	48	56	55	47	48	54

(Source: HSA, correct at 27 May 2022. Note that some accidents may be under investigation and may not have been recorded yet.)

Upcoming Events

Please keep an eye on our website niso.ie for forthcoming courses in 2022

1. Courses held at the NISO Training Centre, Ballymount, Dublin 12 / Online

DSE/VDU Risk Assessor Training (Online)

NISO Certificate
(1 day)

7 June; 5 July

Manual Handling Basic

NISO Certificate
(half day)

24 June

Safety Representation

[In Class and Online]

(2 days)

5–6 July

Mobile and Home Working Assessor Course [Online]

NISO Certificate

(1 day)

Date TBC

2. CPD Certificates in Safety Management at Work Certified by TU Dublin NISO Training Centre and Online

(excluding exam – classroom only)

Workplace Ergonomics

5–9 September;

Exam 16 September

Workplace Safety Management Part 1

19–23 September;

Exam 30 September

Workplace Accident Investigation

3–7 October;

Exam 14 October

Workplace Noise Measurement

17–21 October;

Exam 28 October



NISO/TU Dublin
CPD Certificates/Diploma in
Safety Management at Work

Behavioural Safety Management

14–18 November;

Exam 25 November

Workplace Safety Management Part 1

21–25 November;

Exam 2 December

Fire Safety Management Part 1

5–9 December;

Exam 16 December

Workplace Safety Management Part 1

9–13 January 2023;

Exam 20 January 2023

Fire Safety Management Part 2

23–27 January 2023;

Exam 2 February 2023

3. NISO Certificate in Safety, Health and Welfare at Work

Course length: 13 wks /
2 evenings p/wk

Dublin / Online

NISO Training Centre, Dublin 12
(In class and online)

Commencing:

13 September 2022

Exam: 6 December 2022

(Classroom only)

Midland Region

Venue: TUS – Athlone (In class)

Commencing:

19 September 2022

Mid West Region

Venue: TUS – Limerick (In class)

Commencing:

20 September 2022

South East Region

Venue: Waterford

Commencing:

13 September (TBC)

Western Region

Venue: Castlebar

Commencing:

13 September (TBC)

4. National/All Ireland Events

NISO Annual Health and Safety Conference & Trade Exhibition of Health and Safety Products and Services
11 November 2022

NISO/NISG All Ireland Safety Awards Gala Dinner

11 November 2022

