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President's Message

Autumn has arrived and as is the norm for NISO at this time of year we are busy with preparations for this year's Annual Conference and All Ireland Safety Awards presentation dinner.

Annual Conference

This year's conference on 11 November in Galway will see national and international speakers present on a wide range of issues. Jacinta Kitt from Outside the Box will address bullying issues; Simon Smith and John Higgins, Colas Ireland Ltd., will explore the workings of the Safety Representative role from management and employee points of view and Kevin De Barra will present on current topics from the Health and Safety Authority.

William Cockburn, European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), will discuss emerging risks and challenges facing health and safety professionals; Miriam Bannon, Mental Health Ireland, will address Mental Health issues; Dr. David Cowan of Maynooth University School of Law will speak about Health and Safety in the digital age, and Colleen Milligan and Derek Murphy will talk about the work undertaken by the Lighthouse Club in the Construction sector.

We are awaiting confirmation from a number of other speakers at the time of writing this article. As you can see this will be a very interesting and comprehensive conference.

Safety Awards

The All Ireland Safety Awards committee comprising members of NISO and NISG is currently conducting quality assurance on the safety award entries before notification of the award category is sent out to the winners.

Safety Webinars

We have started a series of short, coffee break webinars aimed at imparting key safety information. These informative sessions will last about 30 minutes and registration is free. Based on the numbers registering for these events online there appears to be widespread interest in this type of short session. We will look at holding more of these events when this series is completed.



*Harry Galvin, President,
National Irish Safety Organisation*

CPD Certificate Courses

This autumn we are commencing CPD Certificate courses in Workplace Safety Management in association with Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin). Each CPD Certificate course is certified by TU Dublin. This is a significant partnership between NISO and TU Dublin for our members.

I look forward to meeting you all at conference on 11 November and the All Ireland Safety Awards Presentation dinner that evening. We will have a trade exhibition during conference where you can explore new products and equipment.

As always this is a great opportunity to meet old friends and to make new ones by building up your safety and health contacts across the country from different industries.

Stay safe.



Harry Galvin, President, NISO

HSA Annual Report for 2021 published

The Health and Safety Authority (HSA) has published its Annual Report 2021. The report highlights the work activity carried by the HSA out during the year including its range of tools and supports to enable enterprises, employers and employees to meet their statutory obligations for the goods they manufacture or import, while ensuring they keep themselves, and their workplaces healthy and safe. In 2021 the HSA also laid the groundwork for its next strategy, which will see the organisation grow significantly to deliver an additional focus on occupational health hazards, in particular those associated with psychosocial and ergonomic risks, and exposure to chemical and biological agents.

Key highlights from the 2021 Annual Report include:

- A total of 7,477 inspections were completed across all sectors in 2021, with a further 1,109 investigations completed on foot of incident reports and complaints received.
- Of the 7,477 proactive inspections in 2021, 1,383 inspections were completed in relation to chemicals and of these 666 inspections were carried out in relation to carriage of dangerous goods by road (ADR).
- Market Surveillance activities resulted in 87 chemical product types being removed from the Irish market and an additional 61 products being removed from sale to the general public due to non-compliance with labelling and

packaging requirements. A total of 970 chemical products and 150 industrial products on the Irish market were assessed for compliance with technical requirements.

- A total of 38 work-related fatalities was reported in 2021 compared to 54 in 2020, a decline of 30% and the lowest recorded since the Authority's formation in 1989.
- HSA's free supports continue to draw significant engagement and in 2021 there were:
 - 125,364 downloads of the HSA's COVID 19 checklists and templates.
 - There were 8,672 new registrations on BeSmart.ie, bringing the total number to 86,834.
 - 56,804 online courses were taken on hsalearning.ie in 2021.
 - The Choose Safety programme (2020/21) was delivered to 27,494 students in 564 post-primary schools and higher education institutions.

The Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail, Damien English T.D., welcoming the HSA Annual Report 2021, said, "Although the Health and Safety Authority saw a lower work-related fatality figure of 38 in Ireland last year, their continued focus is vital in areas such as farming, healthcare and construction where there is higher risk of occupational injury or illness. The HSA has been very successful in promoting use of their many free online tools, courses

and supports and I'd encourage all employers and workers, including the self-employed, to avail of them."

In addition to its next Strategy Statement, the HSA also progressed the establishment of a new division which will have an emphasis on occupational health. This development, which will see significant scale up in staff numbers over the coming months, will allow the HSA to structure and organise itself for the future delivery of its wide mandate.

The HSA's CEO, Dr Sharon McGuinness, in delivering the HSA Annual Report 2021, stated, "As we continue to prioritise our goals to promote, regulate, accredit, and influence the areas across our mandate, the Authority is expanding its workforce and re-organising its structure to introduce a new Occupational Health division. This new division will centre its focus on various safety and health concerns in Irish workplace including the impacts of the pandemic in accelerating the move to remote/hybrid working, the continued growth of the 'gig economy', the particular needs of vulnerable workers and migrant groups, and the impact of psychosocial issues in the workplace."

The HSA Annual Report 2021 and HSA Strategy Statement 2022-2024 are available from hsa.ie

Source: www.hsa.ie

EU Parliament passes report on mental health

The European Parliament has voted overwhelmingly to pass a report on mental health at work authored by Maria Walsh MEP and Co-Chair of Mental Health Europe. The report

entitled "Mental Health in the Digital World of Work" aims to set a policy standard for mental health and wellness support for workers across the EU.

The report came about due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic which has effected millions of Europeans' lives, compounding the effects on mental health and resulting in higher rates of stress, anxiety and depression.

MEP Walsh has also called on Nicolas Schmit, Commissioner for Employment and Social Affairs, to support her request to dedicate 2023 as the European Year for Mental Health. The EU Year will raise awareness on the topic and ensure debate to address what's already being described as a growing crisis.

Source: www.hsa.ie

EU-OSHA Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2021

The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) has published its Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2021.

This report outlines how the EU-OSHA - in collaboration with its stakeholders – strived to implement its ambitious work programme for 2021 amid the COVID-19 pandemic and meet its targets for improving occupational safety and health (OSH) across Europe.

The report also features EU-OSHA's achievements including:

- research on the digitalisation of work,
- its contribution to reducing musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs)
- and the development of foresight studies.

Important initiatives under the 2021 work programme included:

- the ongoing development of Online interactive Risk Assessment (OiRA) tools,
- the follow-up studies based on ESENER data,
- the Lighten the Load Healthy Workplaces Campaign
- and the preparatory work for a workplace exposure to carcinogens in Europe survey, which aims to contribute to the fight against cancer as a cause of work-related deaths.

The report is broken down into different parts covering Policy achievements of the year, Management, External evaluations, Assessment of the effectiveness of the internal control systems, Management assurance and Declaration of assurance.

Source: osha.europa.eu



The PIAB Annual Report

The Personal Injuries Assessment Board (PIAB) has published its annual report for 2021. According to the report, the recent introduction of the new Personal Injuries Guidelines has been the most significant change to the Personal Injuries Environment since PIAB's establishment. The Guidelines recalibrate the value of awards for certain categories of injuries and they also impact on how assessments of compensation are made.

The publication reports that the overall claim volumes received by PIAB declined from 26,009 in 2020 to 21,410 in 2021, a decrease of 18% on the previous year. The overall reduction in claim volumes in the two years since 2019 is now 31%, with Motor Liability down 34% and Public Liability and Employers Liability down 28%.

The PIAB reports that employers liability claims are the smallest claim category accounting for 13% of all awards made in 2021. PIAB received 4,227 Employers Liability applications in 2021 and issued 1,051 awards in that category with an average EL award of €25,748. There were 14 Employer Liability fatal applications in 2021; 12 of those fatally injured were male and two were female.

In 2021, 24% of accidents were caused by a fall on the same level from a slip, trip and/or stumble, an increase of 2% on 2020. Over-exertion or strenuous or repetitive movements were the cause of 20.5% of accidents; 16% by being struck by a thrown, projected or falling object and 9.5% by a fall from one level to another.

Just under a third of all Employer Liability accidents occurred at a factory or plant, an increase of 4% from 2020. Shops or stores saw 13% EL accident claims, 12% occurred at an industrial and/or construction area and 10.5% occurred at a health service facility.

At 27%, the most common EL injuries in 2021 were sprain and strain of the lumbar spine and at 13%, sprain and strain of the cervical spine.

Source: www.piab.ie



Risk Assessment Method Statement (RAMS) – Guidance and Template

The Risk Assessment Method Statement (RAMS) interactive template and guidance was developed as part of the Construction Safety Partnership Advisory Committee (CSPAC) Action Plan 2022 – 2024.

The primary function of the RAMS is to provide industry with a standardised template and guidance that can be used and accepted across construction sites in Ireland.

When medium to high risk work activities are adequately planned, managed, coordinated, adequately supervised and good communication is in play there is a significant reduction in the likelihood of a serious incident occurring.

The RAMS is provided in 2 parts:

Part 1 - Guidance for developing the RAMS template

Part 2 - Interactive template document which can be filled out easily on your PC or mobile device and when completed it can be electronically send to stakeholders

The RAMS interactive template and guidance are available to download from hsa.ie.



Farming: Health and wellbeing guidance and mental health awareness video launched

The Health and Safety Authority's (HSA) Farm Safety Partnership Advisory Committee (FSPAC) has launched new health and wellbeing guidance and a mental health awareness video for Irish farmers.

The Health and Vulnerable Persons Working Group of the FSPAC at the HSA recognises the significant pressures and challenges faced by farmers in relation to their mental and physical wellbeing.

As a result, the FSPAC Working Group developed two resources to assist farmers in looking after their physical and mental health. The health and wellbeing guidance offers advice on the various health issues that pertain to farmers and their work. The second is a mental health awareness video

highlighting the story of a farmer who struggled with his mental health and importantly how he eventually reached out and took the first step to seeking the support he needed.

Research has found that Irish farmers are at high risk of:

- Heart disease
- Stroke
- Overweight/obesity
- Back Pain
- Lung issues
- Hearing loss
- Skin problems and skin cancers
- Stress and mental health issues

Both the Farmers' Health and Wellbeing – A guide to staying healthy while farming and the Mental Health Awareness are available now on hsa.ie.

Source: www.hsa.ie



INMO calls for “zero tolerance” approach to assaults

More than 12 health service staff a day are subjected to physical, verbal or sexual assaults.



New figures from the Health Service Executive (HSE) have indicated that more than 12 health service staff a day are subjected to physical, verbal or sexual assaults.

With nurses bearing the brunt of workplace assaults across the health service, the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation (INMO) has called for a “zero tolerance” approach to the problem.

Over the course of 19 months, from January 2021 to July 2022, the HSE logged a total of 7,307 assaults on staff with nurses, the single biggest job category in the health service, suffering 4,420 of the assaults.

An INMO spokesperson identified staff shortages and chronic overcrowding as underlying issues resulting in nurses and midwives facing an “avoidably highly volatile workplace where things can too easily get out of control.”

The HSE interim head of the national health and safety function said that the HSE will continue to place an emphasis on the management of work-related aggression and violence. They also noted that key focus areas would be national policy on the management of work-related aggression and violence, where policy is being reviewed, as well as risk assessment and training.

Source: www.irishtimes.com

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:

- **Austin Waldron & Sons Ltd.**
- **Cavan Monaghan Education & Training Board**
- **CFX Contracts Ltd.**
- **Cobec Engineering**
- **Enet**
- **Kiernan Electrical**
- **Park 100 Fire & Security**
- **Reliable Security Products Ltd.**
- **Safety Sense**
- **The Safety Practice Ltd.**



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Safety Alerts

Management of ACMs on Demolition and Refurbishment Sites

The HSA is reissuing this Safety Alert for all duty-holders involved in the management of demolition or refurbishment/upgrade/refit works. This notice is relevant to clients and contractors to ensure that Asbestos-Containing Materials (ACMs) are correctly identified before such works take place and are dealt with accordingly.

Asbestos still presents a serious exposure risk to which employees or others may have been subjected and its potential for the development of asbestos related diseases in years to come such as lung cancer and mesothelioma. All such incidents are investigated and may result in the prosecution of relevant parties including the Client, Designers, the PSDP, the PSCS and Contractors depending on the duty holder failures and circumstances involved.

The safety alert outlines the duty holder's responsibilities, which include:

- A refurbishment and demolition asbestos survey (RDAS) is carried out by a competent person well in advance of commencement of site works to comply with the 2006/2010 Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Asbestos Regulations and the Safety Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 (the Construction Regulations). This facilitates effective planning of any necessary 'pre-works' ACM removals.
- An RDAS is relevant to all pre-2000 commercial, agricultural and domestic refurbishment and demolition sites.
- Where the site works are planned so as to avoid disturbance of any ACMs that are to remain in situ, the location of those ACMs must be communicated by the PSCS via the Safety and Health Plan to all contractors on site. This is to ensure that inadvertent disturbance of ACMs during the works is avoided

Leaving ACMs in situ for the duration of a refurbishment contract must be subject to a thorough risk assessment by a competent person.

Please visit hsa.ie/safety_alerts to read this safety alert in full and for links to additional information.

Safety Alert for STIHL Chainsaws

The Health and Safety Authority published the following Safety Alert after being made aware of a Rapex Safety Alert issued by the manufacturer of STIHL chainsaws in respect to Model No. 5 MS 462 and MS 391.

The HSA wish to bring this safety alert and relevant information to the attention of owners and users of these chainsaws as well as maintenance and inspection personnel.

Operators should stop using these chainsaws immediately as per advice from the manufacturer.

The safety alert was issued as a result of the following risk: When installing a lever in the chainsaw, there are discrepancies that can have an influence on the triggering sensitivity of the automatic chain brake. This may lead to risk of injuries in the event of a kickback.

The following products have been recalled from end users:

Machine MS 462 number range 1: 191006514 – 191006995 Machine MS 462 number range 2: 191027366 – 191027434

Machine MS 391 number range: 190993963 – 190994982

If you own an MS 462 or an MS 391 chainsaw within the above machine number range, STIHL ask you to stop using the machine immediately.

For further information, STIHL Safety links and contact details please visit hsa.ie/eng/safety_alerts.



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Safety Management Systems

An introduction to the basic elements which make up a Safety Management System.

The six elements which make up the Safety Management System (SMS), which this article will mainly focus on – are collectively known as “POP MAR”:

Policy
Organisation
Planning
Measuring Performance
Auditing
Review

Policy

Policy sets a clear direction for the organisation to follow. Policy must be shared throughout the workforce so that everyone understands how safety will be managed. Every organisation should have a policy but within your SMS your policy colours what else would be done with regards to managing health and safety throughout the organisation. It clearly defines what management wants to do with safety management. A policy is a promise or undertaking by management to you, employers, stakeholders on what they want to achieve and how the management of health and safety will be guaranteed for all the people that interact with the organisation.

Organise

Organisation is necessary in order to implement the policy.

There are four key areas within health and safety organisation:
 Controls within the organisation
 Cooperation
 Communication
 Competence

Controls within the organisation

include the role of supervisors, leadership, management, supervision, standards, instruction, motivation, accountability, reward and sanctions.

Cooperation – there must be cooperation between the workers, representation and managers through active consultation and involvement.

Communication across the whole organisation through visible behaviour with material and face-to-face discussion.

Competence of individuals through recruitment, selection, training, coaching, specialist advice and to avoid complacency within health and safety management.

Planning

Once the organisation is put in place it is important to plan how the policy will be implemented. When planning it is important to consider the following:

- Think about where you are now and where you need to be.
- What do you want to achieve.
- Decide how you will measure performance.
- Consider fire and other emergencies.

Planning must involve all the people throughout the organisation. The risk assessment, hazard identification, implementing protective and preventative measures and how those controls are communicated to all in the organisation fall under planning.

Measuring performance

The organisation should measure, monitor and evaluate its health and safety performance. Performance can be measured against agreed standards to assess where and when improvement is needed. Standards include the standards within a particular industry, legislative requirements, statutory revisions, codes of practice and benchmarking performance against other organisations within the industry.

Active self-monitoring reveals how effectively the health and safety management system is functioning. Self-monitoring controls looks both to hardware and software within an organisation.

If controls fail, i.e., there is an incident or an accident, that is an indication that something has gone wrong with hazard identification or risk assessment. Through active monitoring and measuring performance the policy, organisation and planning can be assessed to ensure they are at the standard that is required. Measuring performance is hugely important within every organisation to ensure the elements of your SMS are working.

Auditing

Performance should be assessed by:

- Internal reference to key performance indicators
- External comparison with the performance of business competitors and best practice in the organisation's employment sector.

Auditing should be conducted through a systematic review of performance based on the data from monitoring and from independent audits as a whole safety and health management system.

Auditing is different from inspection. An audit is an objective comparison against a standard whereas an inspection is more subjective. Audits allow for repeatability, whereby when a section is audited, the findings from previous audits are available for review allowing comparisons and assessments to be made.

Auditing is of vital importance for helping maintain and reset the focus on health and safety within an organisation. It is human nature to drift from the health and safety procedures over time and to take



short cuts; audits help to recentre the workforce, keep health and safety at the forefront and make sure the policy and procedures that have already been agreed are being implemented.

External comparison with performance of business competitors is also important for continued learning and improvement.

Review

Review enables organisations to learn by experience and use the lessons learned to improve their health and safety performance.

It is important to review and critically look at:

- what was done in the past
- what has been achieved
- what improvements need to be made

Carrying out reviews will confirm whether the health and safety arrangements still make sense. An effective review should:

- Check the validity of the health and safety policy.
- Ensure that the system that is place for managing health and safety is effective.
- Assess how the health and safety requirements for the organisation have changed – stop doing what is no longer necessary while allowing for response to new risks.
- Celebrate what is going well.
- The review will then feed back into the policy.

Examples of other SMS

- The International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- ISO 45001 is an ISO standard from management systems of occupational health and safety
- ILO-OSH 2002 - Guidelines on

occupational safety and health management systems

- ALARP (“as low as reasonably possible”) is a principle in the regulation and management of safety-critical and safety-involved systems
- NISO/NISG All Ireland Safety Awards

As part of the NISO CPD Certificate in Workplace Safety Manager Part 1 (Technological University Dublin Certified) a whole SMS would be developed that would suit all organisations. Students would learn how a SMS, under the POPMAR model, is identified, developed and implemented in their own organisation.

For further information please visit <https://niso.ie/training/workplace-safety-manager-part-1/>

CPD Certificates / Diploma in Safety Management at Work

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Upcoming Course Dates

NISO Training Centre and Online

(excluding exam – classroom only)

COURSE	DATES	EXAM DATE
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

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TUS - Limerick
20 September 2022

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New Legislation

SI NO. 322 of 2022 - European Union (Equipment and Protective Systems Intended for Use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres) (Amendment) Regulations 2022

These Regulations give full effect in Irish law to the provisions of the Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 in relation to Equipment and Protective Systems Intended for Use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres (known as ATEX).

These Regulations amend the European Union (Equipment and Protective Systems Intended for Use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres) Regulations 2017 (S.I. No. 230 of 2017) that gave effect to Directive 2014/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014.

The purpose of these Regulations is to add the provisions relating to market surveillance and compliance for equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres required to be introduced by Regulation (EU) 2019/1020. These Regulations provide the market surveillance authority with the necessary enforcement powers and set out additional responsibilities for relevant economic operators in respect to market surveillance of ATEX equipment placed on the market within the EU.

SI No. 323 of 2022 - European Union (Lifts and Safety Components for Lifts) (Amendment) Regulations 2022

These Regulations give effect in Irish law to the provisions of the Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 in relation to Lifts and Safety Components for Lifts.

These Regulations amend the the European Union (Lifts and Safety Components for Lifts) Regulations 2017 (S.I. No. 232 of 2017) that gave effect to Directive 2014/33/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2014.

The purpose of these Regulations is to add the provisions relating to market surveillance and compliance for lifts and safety components for lifts required to be introduced by Regulation (EU) 2019/1020. These Regulations provide the market surveillance authority with the necessary enforcement powers and set out additional responsibilities for relevant economic operators in respect to market surveillance of lifts and safety components for lifts placed on the market within the EU.

SI No. 324 of 2022 - European Union (Pressure Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 2022

These Regulations give effect in Irish law to the provisions of the Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 in relation to Pressure Equipment.

These Regulations amend the European Union (Pressure Equipment) Regulations 2017 (S.I. No. 233 of 2017) that gave effect to Directive 2014/68/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014.

The purpose of these Regulations is to add the provisions relating to market surveillance and compliance for pressure equipment or assemblies required to be introduced by Regulation (EU) 2019/1020. These Regulations provide the market surveillance authority with the necessary enforcement powers and set out additional responsibilities for relevant economic operators in respect to market surveillance of pressure equipment placed on the market within the EU.

SI No. 325 of 2022 - European Union (Personal Protective Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 2022

These Regulations give full effect in Irish law to the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 in relation to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

These Regulations amend European Union (Personal Protective Equipment) Regulations 2018 (S.I. No. 136 of 2018) that gave full effect to Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016.

The purpose of these Regulations is to add the provisions relating to the market surveillance and compliance of PPE as required by Regulation (EU) 2019/1020. These Regulations provide the market surveillance authorities with the necessary enforcement powers and set out additional responsibilities for relevant economic operators with respect to market surveillance of PPE placed on the market within the EU.

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.

New Publications

Construction Safety Action Plan 2022–2024

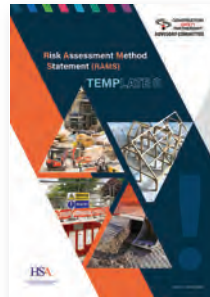
The Construction Safety Partnership Advisory Committee (CSPAC) has published its Construction Safety Action Plan 2022–2024 in which it has identified five key areas to focus on during this timeframe and has set goals accordingly in order to help improve safety and health in the sector. Full implementation of these goals will help to reduce the rate of fatal and serious incidents on construction sites in Ireland. Available at hsa.ie



HSA and the Construction Safety Partnership Advisory Committee (CSPAC) on developing a Risk Assessment Method Statement (RAMS). See p. 5. Available at hsa.ie

Risk Assessment Method Statement (RAMS) Interactive Template

This RAMS template is broken into 3 steps and 8 sections and should be developed in line with the associated guidance which is summarised within. See p. 5. Available at hsa.ie



Risk Assessment Method Statement (RAMS) Guidance Document

Guidance from the



HSA Annual Report 2021

This is the HSA's third and final annual report under its Strategy Statement 2019–2021. This three-year strategic cycle commenced with a period of initial strong economic growth in 2019, followed by major change during

2020–21, as Ireland's economy and society grappled with the unprecedented impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

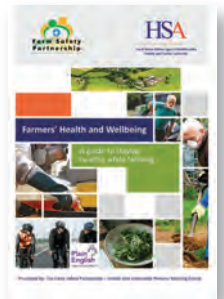
See p. 5. Available at hsa.ie



Farmers' Health and Wellbeing

This guide from the HSA is about farmers looking after themselves so they can continue to enjoy life and farming for a long time to come. It gives simple tips to stay healthy and well such as being more physically active, eating a healthy diet, and minding your mental health. Small changes over time can make a big difference.

See p. 5. Available at hsa.ie



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	7+0+0	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	3	10	14	11	5	6	10	11	6	11	8	6
G - Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and personal goods	1	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	14	38	53	47	39	48	48	56	55	47	48	54

(Source: HSA, correct at 16 August 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 2022/2023

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

Safety Representation [Hybrid]

NISO Certificate

2 day

13–14 September;

11–12 October

Manual Handling Basic

NISO Certificate

half day

23 September, 21 October

Mobile and Home Working Assessor Course [Online]

NISO Certificate

1 day

27 September; 25 October

DSE/VDU Risk Assessor Training

NISO Certificate

1 day

27 September, 3 November

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

(excluding exam – classroom only)

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;

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 weeks /

2 evenings per week

Dublin / Online

NISO Training Centre, Dublin 12

AND/OR Online

Commencing:

13 September 2022

Exam: 6 December 2022

(Classroom only)

South East Region

Venue: SETU Waterford

Commencing:

13 September 2022

Midland Region

Venue: TUS – Athlone

Commencing:

19 September 2022

Mid West Region

Venue: TUS – Limerick

Commencing:

20 September 2022

4. Seminar: Psychological Health and Safety at Work

East Region

NISO Training Centre, Dublin 12

8 September 2022

West Region

Oranmore Lodge Hotel,

Oranmore, Galway

28 November 2022

5. Health and Safety Webinar Series (Free)

Noise - How to select Ear Defenders:

11:00-11:30hrs;

26 September

Safety Behaviour - The Swiss Cheese Model:

11:00-11:30hrs;

24 October

Fire Safety - Flashovers:

11:00-11:30hrs;

28 November

6. 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

