



# The Safety Observer



Newsletter of the National Irish Safety Organisation

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## New

Welcome to the fourth issue of the new look newsletter of the National Irish Safety Organisation. The SAFETY OBSERVER is exclusive to NISO Members and contains information that is current, informative and useful to members. We keep you up to date on what is happening in occupational safety and health. NISO UPDATE, the quarterly 16 page magazine, was circulated on 28 September to members.

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### MSD Brinny wins the NISO / NISG Supreme Safety Award for 2012

MSD Brinny was announced as the Supreme Award winner for 2012 at the 21st Annual NISO/NISG Safety Awards which took place on 5 October 2012 at a special ceremony in Sligo.

[Read more](#)

### European Week for Safety and Health at Work 22 – 26 October 2012

The campaign for this year's safety week is 'Working together for risk prevention'. [Read more](#)

### Seminar in Tullamore to focus on FARM safety

A farm safety seminar will be held in Tullamore on 27 November 2012 to give practical health and safety advice on making the farm a safer place for all including visitors and children.

[Book online](#)

### Annual Conference 2012

A successful conference was held once again, this year in Sligo, on 5 October and followed by a sellout awards dinner of 500 people.

[Read more](#)

### Safety at Halloween

Halloween is approaching. Prepare now for a safe and enjoyable festive occasion.

We have prepared a guide for a safe halloween for you and family.

[Read more](#)

### Safety Week Seminars

Do you work in retail? The HSA in association with Retail Ireland are running information seminars in Dublin on 25 October and Cork on 26 October.

[Read more](#)

### Driving for Work Seminar

An Garda Síochána, the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) and the Road Safety Authority (RSA) are running a free seminar to promote awareness of the importance of having Safe Driving for Work practices. Next seminar - Carlow on 25 October. Dublin seminar on 31 October is fully booked.

[Read more](#)

### Taking Care of Business

At this free event organised by the Health and Safety Authority, you can learn how to reduce the risk of a workplace accident thereby saving money, reducing staff absenteeism and improving staff morale and motivation. Next event is Galway on 27 November.

[Read more](#)

### Online Risk Assessment Tool

A free Online interactive Risk Assessment software (OiRA) developed by EU-OSHA, helps micro and small businesses across Europe to carry

out risk assessments in workplaces in a straightforward and cost-effective way.

[Read more](#)

### **EU-OSHA Healthy Workplaces Film Award**

Nominations have been announced for the fourth edition of the Healthy Workplaces Film Award.

[Read more](#)

### **New International Standard for Road Safety Management for Employers**

The new ISO 39001:2012 standard is a clear set of guidelines to help employers in SMEs, large-sized companies and public authorities to improve road safety management.

[Read more](#)

### **Inquest warning on farm hazard**

Warnings were issued at an inquest about the risks of working with farm animals as a result of the the death of a 67-year-old man from a subdural haemorrhage.

[Read more](#)

### **Public comment period open on draft National Annex**

The National Standards Authority of Ireland has announced the launch of a period of public comment on the draft National Annex to Irish Standard relating to Plastics piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels and Polyethylene and the installation of LPG systems in leisure accommodation vehicles.

[Read more](#)

### **Construction Company fined for health and safety breach**

A fine of €10,000 was imposed on C&M Construction Limited on 19 October by the Criminal Courts of Justice in Parkgate St.

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### **Company fined for accident that resulted in death of 3 year old child**

A fine of €25,000 was imposed on Patrick Monahan (Drogheda) Ltd. on Friday 12 October 2012 in the Dundalk Circuit Court.

[Read more](#)

### **COP for the Operators of Quarry Delivery Vehicles**

This comprehensive 132 page Code of Practice produced by the Health and Safety Authority aims to improve the level of safety and health compliance of persons operating delivery vehicles to and from quarries, by providing practical guidance.

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### **Health and Safety Management Checklist For Small Healthcare Facilities**

This checklist devised by the Health and Safety Authority can be used as an aid in assessing and reviewing the management of health and safety in your workplace.

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### **NISO Members Subscriptions 2012**

Please check that you have paid your membership subscription for 2012. You may check by calling us at 01 465 9760 or emailing [accounts@niso.ie](mailto:accounts@niso.ie). Many thanks to all who have paid.

### **Events**

[Farm Safety Seminar](#); Tullamore Court Hotel, 27 November 2012

### **Training**

[Safe Pass Course](#) on Friday; 9 November 2012 [1 day].

Workplace Safety Course; FETAC Level 4, Wednesday, 14 November 2012 [1 day].

[Safety and Health at Work Course](#) FETAC Level 5, commences 20 November 2012.

[VDU/DSE Assessors Course](#); 22 November 2012 [1 day].

[Manual Handling Instructors Course](#) FETAC Level 6, commences 26 November 2012 [5 days].

[Basic Manual Handling Course](#); 12 December 2012 [half day].

[Health and Safety Representation Course](#) FETAC Level 5, TBC

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