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Welcome to the September 2015 edition of The Safety Observer, the newsletter of the National Irish Safety Organisation. The SAFETY OBSERVER contains information that is current, informative and useful to subscribers. We keep you up to date on what is happening in occupational safety and health. The last edition of SAFETY OBSERVER was distributed on 25 June 2015.

Exclusively for members, our other publication, the quarterly NISO UPDATE, was circulated on 22 July last and the next edition is scheduled for mid October 2015.

We are now also sending **The Safety Observer** to all contacts within member companies for which we have an email address.

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NISO NEWS

NISO Annual Conference and Health and Safety Exhibition Good Safety is Good Business

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

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa, Galway

Date: 2 October 2015

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NISO Safety Awards Presentation Dinner

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa, Galway

Date: 2 October 2015

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Seminar: Fire Safety Management

Venue: Oranmore Lodge Hotel, Oranmore, Co. Galway

Date: 9 September; 14.00hrs to 16.30hrs

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IRISH NEWS

One third of drivers killed on Irish roads weren't wearing their seatbelt

A review of road deaths for the first seven months of 2015 published recently showed that Sunday was the worst day of the week for fatalities, compared to mid-week last year. Most deaths happened in the afternoon and evening (4pm to 10pm).

The Road Safety Authority and Gardai have warned that a further 100 people could lose their lives on Irish roads before the year's over.

The CEO of the RSA has also highlighted a worrying finding that over a third of drivers killed on the roads so far this year weren't wearing their seatbelts.

<http://goo.gl/4rfkJJ>

HSA Launches Free 'Slips, Trips and Falls' Online Course

The Health and Safety Authority (HSA) has launched a free short online course, aimed at employees and employers across all work sectors on its e-learning portal <http://hsalearning.ie>. The 30 minute introductory courses will give learners a quick, free guide to avoiding slips, trips and falls in the workplace.

Slips, trips and falls are the second highest single cause of workplace injuries.

<http://goo.gl/dL5IAo>

Number of farm deaths across island of Ireland in 2015 is in double figures

The number of deaths in farm-related incidents in the state so far this year has gone into double figures. According to the Health and Safety Authority, age and location are key factors in farm deaths in Ireland and that, unlike many other sectors, these generally involve family members including children and elderly persons.

<http://goo.gl/MTMcw3>

Three ice plants closed over health and safety concerns

Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) has said health and safety issues at three plants producing ice for fishing trawlers led to a decision to close them down temporarily.

A decision to stop production at the plants in Kilmore Quay, Co Wexford; Dunmore East, Co Waterford and Howth, Co Dublin was taken on July 31st. Ice remains available to trawlers, it said.

<http://goo.gl/THpR0c>

Authorities order closure of 16 food premises in July

Seventeen food safety enforcement orders were issued against various premises in July, the third highest number ever distributed in one month during the 16-year history of the system.

Figures published by the Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) show that 16 of those orders were for closures, the most serious, as well as one prohibition order which prevents the sale of a particular food product.

July's figures include takeaways and restaurants, as well as an off-licence, hotel, retailers and a food packing facility.

<http://goo.gl/ZK5cqO>

Limerick has highest rate of personal injury claims

Limerick has the highest rate of personal injury claims per head of population in Ireland, according to figures from the Injuries Board Ireland.

<http://goo.gl/LOYLVA>

More than 80 per cent of nurses attended work while ill, study finds

More than 80 per cent of nurses and midwives reported for work at some stage over the last year while feeling unwell, a new study has found.

The study, commissioned by the Irish Nurses' and Midwives' Organisation, found a quarter of nurses and midwives said they had turned up for work at least once while feeling sick in the last year.

<http://goo.gl/bB1F5U>

Should Irish bosses be doing more to keep workers healthy?

A new study has found that two-thirds of Irish workers want to see their employers offering advice and help on health related matters.

This comes from new research that examines how stress, poor health and a lack of sleep impacts on the work force.

<http://goo.gl/mhtYSY>

Gardaí quizzed council worker over hedge-cutting

Cork County Council is preparing to go to court to vigorously defend cutting roadside hedges during the 'off-season' after gardaí launched an investigation into an incident involving the local authority in West Cork.

It has emerged that a council employee was questioned by gardaí after a member of the public made a complaint to them and the Parks & Wildlife Service about cutting which took place in the Clonakilty area.

<http://goo.gl/WfSzx2>

Giant Minion escapes to cause road incident in Dublin

A Dublin city councillor has referred an escaped Minion to the planning authorities.

The giant inflatable character, more than ten metres high, came loose from its moorings on the Swords Road and fell into oncoming traffic clipping the wings of a car.

<http://goo.gl/aXuYzC>

Summer most dangerous time on roads

Over 70,000 speeding offences have been detected so far this year, with one in ten of these found to be travelling at least 30km/h above the posted speed limit, the Road Safety Authority (RSA) has said.

<http://goo.gl/q982lo>

Care home staff avoided fire call-out "due to charges"

Staff at a care home in Monkstown, south Dublin, did not contact emergency services during an unexpected fire alarm because they did not want to incur call-out charges, according to a HIQA report.

A two-day inspection at Richmond Cheshire House in June recorded a number of major non-compliances at the centre, and found its

management systems "did not ensure that services provided were safe".

<http://goo.gl/X8Li2a>

Department of Health will "monitor evidence on e-cigarettes"

The Department of Health has said it will continue to monitor evidence on the potential harms and any benefits of e-cigarette products after health officials in Britain endorsed them as 95 per cent safer than their tobacco equivalents.

<http://goo.gl/Zh1OiC>

MHI and The Health and Safety Authority Mental Health Seminars for business owners and managers

The Health and Safety Authority and Mental Health Ireland have come together to host a series of seminars in association with the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work.

<http://goo.gl/k7smfw>

UK NEWS

Occupational Health is the focus for the IOSH 40th National Safety Symposium

Overcoming common causes of ill-health in the workplace is to be the focus of a major UK safety and health conference.

How to prevent and manage work-related stress, support for employees who are working with cancer and encouraging safe behaviours throughout a workforce will be among the topics covered when the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) holds its annual National Safety Symposium (NSS).

This year's event marks the 40th anniversary of the symposium, which IOSH held for the first time in the months following the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 becoming law (UK).

<http://goo.gl/Mvm0as>

Dust suspicions grow in Bosley mill blast

DUST looks increasingly likely to have caused the deadly explosion last month at the UK's Bosley wood flour mill, after the HSE issued a ban on activities until problems on site are put right.

Three workers died and a fourth worker is still missing following a massive explosion at the mill on 17 July. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has now issued two enforcement notices preventing work until "dust issues" in sheds containing equipment and involved in the processing and bagging of dust have been resolved.

<http://goo.gl/5Cnevl>

Phillips 66 wins safety award

Phillips 66 has been awarded the RoSPA Gold Award for Occupational Health and Safety for the third time, and was also presented with its third Gold Award for the Management of Occupational Road Risk (MORR) at the RoSPA awards ceremony.

The awards are open to businesses and organisations of all types and sizes from across the UK and overseas, and the judging panel considers entrants' overarching occupational health and safety management systems, including practices such as leadership and workforce involvement.

<http://goo.gl/ukaSom>

Sellafield nuclear plant construction workers strike over health and safety

Construction workers involved in the decommissioning of the nuclear plant at Sellafield took part in a strike in a row over health and safety earlier in August. The construction workers, working for 15 sub-contractors, are pressing for the creation of a full-time convenor on the site which they maintain would improve industrial relations and help address health and safety concerns.

<http://goo.gl/MBVoVO>

Swooping seagulls "not a health and safety concern" for North Wales councils

Seagull attacks on people and animals could continue unchecked because some North Wales councils don't want to spend their squeezed budgets dealing with the problem. Despite numerous incidents and local MPs saying seagulls are one of residents' main gripes, councils don't want to spend squeezed budgets eliminating them. According to Denbighshire council, the birds do not represent a real health and safety risk.

<http://goo.gl/Y48xpk>

National Fork Lift Truck Safety Month - Safetember: see danger, speak up

Fork lift trucks remain the UK's most dangerous type of workplace transport by quite a distance.

It is widely accepted that the causes of fork lift truck accidents never really change - some observers suggest that addressing the issues of operator visibility and pedestrian segregation would reduce accidents dramatically.

<http://goo.gl/yu96IE>

EUROPEAN NEWS

PRAISE awards 2015 deadline extended - Apply by 1 September 2015

If your organisation has a road safety programme, and the results to prove it - European Transport Safety Council (ETSC) want to hear from you. The competition is divided into three separate categories: SME (Small-Medium Enterprise), large company and public authority.

<http://goo.gl/KSM81>

Emerging evidence that the ban on asbestos use is reducing the occurrence of pleural mesothelioma in Sweden

The first bans on asbestos use were introduced by Nordic countries, i.e. Iceland (1982), Norway (1983), and Sweden (1982), but the restrictions imposed by legislation may vary among countries. A study was recently conducted to estimate the effects of the ban and other measures to decrease the use of asbestos in Sweden.

<https://goo.gl/OK0Ysx>

US NEWS

Bumble Bee Foods pay out £3.8m after worker cooked to death with five tonnes of tuna

Bumble Bee Foods has agreed to pay a record \$6 million to settle criminal charges after a worker was burned to death inside an industrial oven packed with canned tuna. Jose Melena, 62, was performing maintenance in the 35ft pressure cooker when colleagues dumped some 12,000lbs on top of him, unaware he was inside. Staff at the California plant mistakenly believed he was in the bathroom when they switched on the cooker and heated it to 130C for two hours, cooking him to his death.

<http://goo.gl/OkR91F>

OSHA proposal would lower beryllium levels and increase workplace protections

The US federal government is proposing a new standard that would dramatically lower workplace exposure to beryllium, a widely used material that can cause devastating lung diseases. The proposal would apply to an estimated 35,000 workers covered by the US Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

<http://goo.gl/awa3ME>

WORLD NEWS

China probes work safety regulator after blast

China says it is investigating the head of its work safety regulator who for years allowed companies to operate without a license for dangerous chemicals, days after blasts in a port warehouse storing such material killed 114 people.

<http://goo.gl/3R9B1P>

Singapore and Great Britain sign agreement on closer ties and shared learning

HSE's Chief Executive Officer, Dr Richard Judge, met with Ministry of Manpower (MOM) Singapore's Permanent Secretary, Loh Khum Yean, to commit to working together to drive world-class innovation, science and specialist expertise around health and safety in both countries. A formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been agreed, marking a commitment between the two organisations in a partnership to share knowledge, experience and facilities in pursuit of excellence in work-related health and safety and to support economic growth in both countries. The agreement provides a framework for the UK and Singapore to share scientific and regulatory knowledge, experience and good practice and develop joint initiatives to promote excellence.

<http://goo.gl/Kgeg4>

World Health Organisation: Ebola Vaccine Highly Effective

Saying that the world is "on the verge of an effective Ebola vaccine," the World Health Organization announced on 31 July that results from an interim analysis of the Guinea Phase III efficacy vaccine trial show that VSV-EBOV (Merck, Sharp & Dohme) is highly effective against the disease. An independent body of international experts, the Data and Safety Monitoring Board, conducted the review and recommended that the trial continue.

<https://goo.gl/erSev7>

Long work hours increase stroke risk, study finds

People who work long hours have a much higher risk of stroke and a slightly greater risk of coronary heart disease than those working a standard week, a major new study suggests.

The research, published in the Lancet, is the largest ever of its kind and involved more than 600,000 people.

<http://goo.gl/spxmmE>

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS

Two dead after cage carrying workers plunges into River Shannon

Two men have been killed in a tragic accident on the River Shannon. The men were carrying out structural works to Thomond Bridge when a cable attached to a crane that was holding a cage in which they were standing snapped. Gardaí and the Health and Safety Authority are to conduct investigations into the incident.

<http://goo.gl/L5oAxJ>

Two fishermen die after Killybegs trawler incident

A Filipino fisherman who fell ill while trying to rescue a colleague after he was overcome by fumes has died.

His colleague, originally from Inis Mór in the Aran Islands, died in hospital several hours after being pulled from the boat's hold.

Investigations are being carried out by the Marine Casualty Investigation Board and the Health and Safety Authority.

<http://goo.gl/xexF92>

Boy (14) dies after Carlow farm accident

A 14-year-old boy has died and his 15-year-old brother injured after a tractor drawing a trailer overturned on a farm in Co Carlow. The teenagers were helping a neighbouring farmer in a sugar beet field when the incident happened at about 10.30am on 26 August. His brother is recovering in hospital.

<http://goo.gl/uUXhn7>

Tragic death of four-year-old boy on Co. Mayo farm

The Health and Safety Authority and An Garda Síochána are to both carry out investigations into the tragic death of a four-year-old boy who died at his grandparents' farm in Co. Mayo.

It is understood the boy died after he was involved in a collision with a tractor and trailer while he was cycling near his grandparents' house.

<http://goo.gl/zg5Gjl>

Death of young Meath man in Monaghan accident

A young Meath man has died in a workplace accident in Monaghan.

Gardaí and the Health and Safety Authority are investigating an incident in which the 19-year-old was killed in a workplace accident in Monaghan on 12 August.

<http://goo.gl/wTMi4V>

Farm death in Kerry after farmer falls from tractor

A man in his 50s has died following a farming accident. Initial reports suggest that the man, a 57-year-old farmer died when he fell when standing on the drawbar of the tractor on Saturday evening. The Gardaí and the Health and Safety Authority are investigating the incident.

<http://goo.gl/Kkh5KT>

Child dies in accident at brewery near Belfast

A four-year-old boy killed in an accident at a brewery in Northern Ireland was a "little blond wonder", a family friend said. Oliver Scullion died at Hilden Brewery near Belfast. Health and safety inspectors are investigating the circumstances.

<http://goo.gl/dX1A7V>

Young man crushed to death in dairy accident

The workplace accident occurred on 14 July in Clonakilty, west Cork.

It is understood that the 26-year-old man died after he was struck by an articulated truck which was moving trailers. Gardaí and the Health and Safety Authority have begun separate investigations.

<http://goo.gl/QxPtyN>

IN THE COURTS

Bus driver fired after taking hands off wheel to use his iPad

A bus driver for a private coach operator was sacked after using his iPad while driving his bus at 100kmph on a motorway. CCTV cameras on the bus recorded the driver taking his two hands off the steering wheel to take out his iPad.

The driver took an unfair dismissal case before an Employment Appeals Tribunal after being fired from his job following the incident on 22 July, 2013.

The tribunal heard that the empty bus was travelling at 100kmph on the M50 at the time of the incident. The CCTV footage also showed that

on two or three occasions the driver did not have either hand on the steering wheel.

<http://goo.gl/3uX0ld>

Vehicle testing firm to appeal safety breach conviction in new year

A vehicle testing firm found guilty of breaching health and safety laws in the testing of a school bus subsequently involved in a fatal crash is expected to appeal its conviction in the new year.

The bus went out of control near Clara, Co Offaly, on 4 April, 2006. A 15-year-old boy died as a result of injuries sustained.

<http://goo.gl/p1JFNX>

Hotel owners ask that man's claims of a fall be dismissed

The owners of a Kinsale hotel where a man claimed he fell from a third-floor window and ended up with life-changing injuries have applied to the High Court to have his action for damages dismissed.

The plaintiff, it has been submitted, has said he can not live independently following the incident and is housebound. However, video footage taken over nine days shows him going to the shops and driving his car.

The Judge, who had heard seven days of evidence in the action, was asked to dismiss the case, with the hotel side contending that some of the claims made by the plaintiff were "false and misleading".

<http://goo.gl/PqGgLc>

Food company fined after factory roof fall

A Dundalk-based food company has been fined after an industrial accident at its plant led to a worker losing part of his leg when he fell from an internal roof while carrying out maintenance there. Following the 2012 incident, which was investigated by the Health and Safety Authority who brought a prosecution to Dundalk District Court, the food giant stopped access to the roofs of all its plants in Europe until their load-bearing capacities were established.

<http://goo.gl/usKcAj>

INQUESTS - CORONER'S COURT

Inadequate health and safety training given to worker crushed to death by caravan in Co. Down

An employer provided inadequate health and safety training before a caravan collapsed on a worker in Co. Down and crushed him to death, an expert told an inquest. No risk assessment was carried out nor safe systems of work in place when Thomas Houston (50), was killed, an environmental health officer who investigated said.

The married site worker was attempting to put a jack in place before changing a wheel when the ageing mobile home fell on his back in February 2012.

<http://goo.gl/Swx3A>

SAFETY ALERTS

"Norfolk Range" large wheeled dry powder fire extinguishers manufactured before 2009 by UK Fire International Ltd

Norfolk Range' large dry powder fire extinguishers, manufactured before 2009, may be affected by moisture ingress at a threaded joint at the base of the unit, rendering the unit inoperable. The problem may not be identified during routine service inspections.

<http://goo.gl/khnV0C>

Extendable Scaffolding Loading Bay Gate - use of cable ties to secure loose mesh and unsafe means of operation

HSE has become aware that a number of manufacturers/suppliers are marketing an extendable scaffold loading bay gate that does not satisfy legal requirements or applicable standards when in some configurations.

<http://goo.gl/B9LtwC>

SAFETY TIDBITS

Ford UK Touts New Lighting Technologies

The two new lighting technologies, currently being developed at the company's Research and Innovation Centre in Aachen, Germany, will help nighttime drivers spot hard-to-see people and larger animals ahead of their vehicles and also hazards that are not in the direction of travel. One is the Camera-Based Advanced Front Lighting System, which can widen the headlight beam at junctions and roundabouts. The other is Spot Lighting, a system using an infrared camera in the vehicle's front grille to locate and track people and bigger animals, including larger dogs, at up to 120 meters.

<https://goo.gl/5xrcgd>

Can you travel while pregnant?

Expert health and safety tips for expectant mums.

<http://goo.gl/neesWT>

Sitting all day is as deadly as smoking, office staff warned

Elderly people and office staff are risking their long-term health by sitting down for extended periods.

Prolonged sitting can bring on health issues such as heart disease and cancer.

Researchers at Queen's University Belfast believe that sitting for long periods is linked to obesity, diabetes and early mortality.

<http://goo.gl/Bk6GEv>

PUBLICATIONS / GUIDANCE

EU-OSHA: How to create economic incentives in occupational safety and health: A practical guide

The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) has published a new Guide on Economic Incentive Schemes to promote occupational safety and health. This guide covers:

- Analysis of social frameworks and financial conditions
- Developing a strategy for an incentive scheme
- Defining target group and areas of action
- Promoting incentive schemes.

<https://goo.gl/VOpGT7>

Occupational Asthma – inhalation of hexavalent chromium, nickel and cadmium mists

Occupational asthma is an allergic reaction that can occur in some people when they are exposed to substances. In electroplating and similar processes these can include hexavalent chromium compounds and nickel sulphate. These substances are called "respiratory sensitisers" or asthmagens. They can cause a change in people's airways, known as the "hypersensitive state". Research has been conducted by the HSE in conjunction with the Surface Engineering Association (ESA) and guidance sheets have been updated in light of the conclusions of this work.

<https://goo.gl/VOpGT7>

Minister Coveney Launches Report on Safety, Training & Employment in the Irish Fishing Industry

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine Simon Coveney TD welcomed the publication of the report of the Working Group on Safety, Training & Employment in the Irish Fishing Industry. The working group chaired by Lt Cdr John Leech, Chief Executive, Irish Water Safety, was set up by the Minister to examine a range of important issues for Ireland's fishing industry such as safety standards and training on board vessels, compliance with regulations, recent technical innovations and the fishing sector's approach to personal safety. <http://goo.gl/W6fQEL>

HSE UK: 71st edition of the REACH Competent Authority e-bulletin

Welcome to the HSE Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation & restriction of Chemicals (REACH) eBulletin

<http://goo.gl/R6p0rz>

Preventing contact dermatitis and urticaria at work

This guidance is about preventing work related dermatitis and urticaria for employers and employee representatives. The leaflet explains what the law requires, and which jobs present most risk. It describes signs/symptoms of contact dermatitis and contact urticaria and tells you what you can do to prevent them.

<http://goo.gl/8SR2fl>

Emergency eyewashes/showers - time is of the essence

Quick access to an emergency eyewash/shower station is vital in the event of an incident. "The first 10 to 15 seconds after exposure to a hazardous substance, especially a corrosive substance, are critical," the Canadian Center for Occupational Health and Safety states. CCOHS goes on to note that delaying treatment, even for just a few seconds, may result in serious injury to a worker. Industry insiders discuss common mistakes regarding emergency eyewashes/showers, and what's new in the field.

<http://goo.gl/PA0Qbe>

RESOURCES

Health and Safety Executive UK: COSHH Essentials e-tool launched

COSHH Essentials sets out basic advice on what to do to control exposure to hazardous substances in the workplace. The new e-tool provides advice on controlling the use of chemicals for a range of common tasks, eg mixing, or drying.

<http://goo.gl/jdm6th>

Badairday - Welding Fume Team: Promoting awareness and highlighting potential risk in welding

The Welding Fume Team is a partnership brought together by Health Service Executive (UK), with the aim of promoting awareness and the risks to respiratory health from exposure to welding and thermal cutting fume.

<http://goo.gl/QJypPi>

Dust hub microsite launched

Dust from sand, fettling and kiln relining contains silica and, when dry, this produces dust known as respirable crystalline silica (RCS). See the new Dust Hub Website from the HSE (UK) for guidance on controlling exposure to dust in the workplace.

<https://goo.gl/XAekPN>

HSE (UK) Molten Metals Website

This website provides information and advice on the main causes of injury and ill-health in the molten metals industry. It will help you to manage the hazards and risks which are prevalent in the industry and will also provide information on other areas of interest within the industry.

<http://goo.gl/uL0GB7>

NIOSH offers guidance on preventing diacetyl exposure, webpage for finding publications in multiple languages

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (US) has developed a guidance to reduce workers' exposure to diacetyl through engineering controls, best work practices and techniques for monitoring worker exposures.

<http://goo.gl/REkK81>

CASE STUDIES

Leadership and worker involvement toolkit – Case studies

Five case studies which show how smaller construction businesses improved health and safety by using the leadership and worker involvement toolkit (LWIT). Two proven methods of using the toolkit become apparent: the "Risk profiling" approach and the 'Safety Observation Cards' (SOCs) approach.

<http://goo.gl/sJ356v>

Business case studies

This is the latest suite of business case studies, where businesses tell their stories of how they manage health and safety effectively and proportionately and how online HSE guidance helps them to do this.

<http://goo.gl/qP2rxa>

RESEARCH REPORTS

RR963 - Exposure to hexavalent chromium, nickel and cadmium compounds in the electroplating industry

The HSE has conducted recent research in partnership with the SEA. The aim was to investigate whether repeat Biological Monitoring (BM) over a period of time could be used to help drive sustainable improvements in exposure control. This research identified knowledge gaps and areas where further statistical analysis of the data collected was required.

<http://goo.gl/MWaiKw>

RR1060 - A critical review of evidence related to hand-arm vibration syndrome and the extent of exposure to vibration

This report describes a systematic literature review on the nature of the exposure-response relationship between hand-transmitted vibration and the elements of hand-arm vibration syndrome (HAVS), ie the vascular, neurosensory and musculoskeletal components.

<http://goo.gl/UEJTGg>

RR1061 - Employers perceptions of the health and safety of young workers

The aim was to investigate perceptions and attitudes about health and safety and the employment of young people. The work involved a review of published documents and interviews with 14 representatives from employer organisations, schools/academies, work placement

organisers and insurers.

<http://goo.gl/QwfKGV>

RR1055 - Modelling the economic impacts of an accident at major hazard sites

This report documents the development, implementation and results of a model to estimate the economic costs of accidents at major hazard sites in Great Britain, focusing on the impacts of the accident, and taking into consideration a broad spectrum of losses.

<http://goo.gl/UhfSt6>

RR1063 - Research to explore the effect of traditional farming Safety and Health Awareness Days (SHADs) on farmer behaviour

The research explored farmers' perceptions of the extent to which attendance at a Farming Safety and Health Awareness Day (SHAD), established by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), had changed their awareness, attitudes and behaviour in relation to health and safety.

<http://goo.gl/oHWDpG>

RR1052 - The effect of wearer stubble on the protection given by Filtering Facepieces Class 3 (FFP3) and Half Masks

HSE Inspectors routinely come across workers with various degrees of stubble growth using respiratory protective masks, despite guidance to the contrary. This research studied the effect of 0-7 days stubble growth on the protection given by FFP3 filtering facepieces and half masks.

<http://goo.gl/7oYRSm>

MCIB REPORTS

The report into a fatal incident at Hodson Bay, Lough Ree on 20th March 2014 was published recently by the Marine Casualty Investigation Board.

<http://goo.gl/c0hvkI>

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<http://goo.gl/fUAHto>

TRAINING

[Manual Handling Basic Course](#), NISO Training Centre, Ballymount: 31 August

[Safe Pass, Kilkenny](#): 2 September

[Safe Pass, Ballymount](#): 4 September

[Occupational First Aid Certificate](#), QQI L5, NISO Training Centre, Ballymount: 7-9 September

[Manual Handling Instructor and Assessor Course, QQI L6](#): 14-16 & 21-22 September

[Safe Pass, Clonmel](#): 16 September

[Safe Pass, Cork](#): 30 September

[VDU/DSE Assessors Course](#), NISO Training Centre, Ballymount: 6 October

[Occupational First Aid Re-Certification](#), QQI L5: NISO Training Centre, Ballymount: 19 October

SEMINARS AND EVENTS

[Fire Safety Seminar](#)

Oranmore Lodge Hotel, Galway; 9 September; 14.00hrs

[NISO Annual Conference and Awards Presentation Dinner](#)

Good Safety is Good Business

Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa, Galway; 2 October

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