



The Safety Observer



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Welcome to the June 2016 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. NISO Update, the quarterly magazine, was circulated on 27 April last and the next edition for NISO members is scheduled for mid July 2016. The last edition of Safety Observer was distributed on 4 April 2016.

NISO NEWS

NISO Workshops

NISO is hosting two health and safety workshops in June 2016:

Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome (HAVS) Management Workshop:

Cork: 8 June

Dublin: 9 June

[Click here for more details](#)

Safety Workshop:

Cork: 8 June

Dublin: 9 June

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NISO Conference

The Annual NISO Conference is taking place in Killarney on 7 October. Further details available soon.

We are now also sending The Safety Observer to all contacts within member organisations for which we have an email address. Want additional employees added to our distribution list*, or to check the listing for your organisation, call 01 465 9760 or email info@niso.ie.

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IRISH NEWS

Defective tyres a significant factor in road deaths

A new study by the Road Safety Authority (RSA) in which forensic collision investigations conducted by Gardaí between 2008 and 2012 were analysed, has found that tyres were a contributory factor in 8% of 858 fatal crashes.

<http://goo.gl/fz4bjb>

RSA goes for the shock factor in new campaign

The aim of the ad is to make people aware that tyres are the one point of contact their car has with the road.

<http://goo.gl/xl7SBA>

Motorists will be hit harder for driving with bald tyres

While it is already illegal to drive with defective or worn tyres, those caught will now face a fixed charge of €80 and points on their licence.

<http://goo.gl/udX01z>

Injury rate for Gardaí 10 times higher than for average worker

The 611 occupational injury incidents reported in 2014 translate to a rate of 39.7 per 1,000 Gardaí, compared to a national injury rate of 3.4 per 1,000 employees. Some nine out of 10 victims (554) were at the rank of garda and 6% (38) were sergeants.

<http://goo.gl/dTH7Wc>

Cork GAA club named champions for change for farm safety awareness

A Cork GAA club have been named FBD's 2016 Community Champions for Change for promoting farm safety awareness in the community for the last number of years. The GAA Club has been calling for the establishment of a dedicated farm safety organisation and believes that the GAA has a key role to play in increasing the awareness of farm safety.

<http://goo.gl/bnxFtv>

Cork students raise farm safety awareness for children

Three Co. Cork transition year students scooped an award at the 2016 BT Young Scientist Exhibition for their work on a project aimed at increasing farm safety awareness among primary school children.

<http://goo.gl/qSqko2>

Cavan student wins HSA national farm safety multimedia award

A third year student from Co. Cavan has won the Health and Safety Authority's (HSA) Multimedia Farm Safety Competition for post-primary students. The talented student designed an online farm safety maze game which is aimed at raising awareness of farm safety in a fun and engaging way.

<https://goo.gl/J84sG7>

Gardaí and HSA launch investigations into death of MMA fighter Joao Carvalho

In a statement, the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) said "Generally people who suffer injury or death during sporting activity fall outside of the remit of the HSA. We will however examine the circumstances of this tragic incident to determine if there is an employer-employee relationship and if we have a role."

<http://goo.gl/4SV4KV>

Cork-based Health and Safety publisher aiming for 50% growth in UK sales

Identifying a niche market for health and safety training manuals has opened up a world of opportunity for Mallow-based entrepreneur.

<http://goo.gl/XLX9J0>

Half of Irish airline crew in survey worked while ill

Almost half of an Irish airline's cabin crew staff who responded to a health and wellbeing survey turned up for work when they should have been out sick, according to the survey's final report. Fears over job security and pay were cited as the reasons behind the trend.

<http://goo.gl/lffBMk>

Ireland's top air safety scores

There were over 200 near mid-air collision incidents involving Irish aircraft last year,

new figures from the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) show. A minority of the incidents were classified as medium or high risk, according to the regulatory body.

<http://goo.gl/aXkzd1>

Transport Safety Seminars June 2016

The Health and Safety Authority is running a series of regional morning seminars in June, to highlight the importance of managing vehicle related risk in the workplace. The morning seminars will be run in Cork, Dublin and Athlone.

<http://goo.gl/6A1Ep5>

Farm safety demos to the fore at this year's FTMTA Grass and Muck

FRS Training and the Health and Safety Authority will be bringing practical advice and interactive farm safety demonstrations to the forefront at this year's FMTA Grass and Muck event. The organisations will be focusing on three farm hazard areas: safe handling of bales and crush zones; Power Take Off (PTO) safety; and spraying compliance in an interactive and engaging way.

<http://goo.gl/bbuugW>

Warning for bosses as stress is now top health hazard in the workplace

Stress has now overtaken back pain as the number one health hazard in the workplace leaving employees in a minefield that can trigger absenteeism and a loss of productivity.

<http://goo.gl/hsk3LU>

Farmers may face hefty fines or prison for illegal burning

The Health and Safety Authority (HSA) warn that planned burning of gorse or vegetation should only be carried out by appropriate personnel with training, knowledge and experience in managing safe and controlled operations. They require that burning only be carried out in accordance with a written burning plan, that takes into account the Prescribed Burning Code of Practice.

<http://goo.gl/uCptLN>

Advice on breeding "aggression" out of cattle

Following on the rise in farm deaths caused by cow attacks in recent years, speakers from Teagasc offered advice on breeding aggression out of cattle and the influence of farmer behaviour on livestock aggression.

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

Network of doctors to help reduce "sneaky sick days"

A national network of occupational health doctors has been launched aimed at changing the way Irish employers approach the health of their workforce. The new scheme was launched with the aim of reducing accidents, illness, and sick days which directly affect profits, efficiency and company morale.

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

Industrial action planned at youth detention centre over H&S concerns

Residential care workers and night supervisors at the youth detention centre have recently voted overwhelmingly in favour of industrial action. Unions say that staff and residents at the centre are exposed to a daily risk of violent assault, and that they are understaffed.

<http://goo.gl/bdXrP8>

Call for glass screens to protect civil servants

Civil servants in social welfare and Intreo offices have been attacked, punched and threatened with assault by angry claimants, according to the Civil Public and Services Union.

The union, which represents the lowest grades in the civil service, has voted to seek the reinstatement of reinforced glass screens in public offices to protect staff.

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

Caution urged as farm traffic rises

The Road Safety Authority (RSA) and the Irish Farmers Association (IFA) have issued a joint appeal to raise awareness of the need for those who use the roads to use common sense and be considerate at all times. The RSA chief said this is a busy time for farmers and the number of tractors and trailers using the roads will increase dramatically over the next few weeks.

<http://goo.gl/Etpifb>

Driving for Work Summer Safety Tips

The HSA reminds employers and employees of key seasonal tips for safer work related journeys over the coming months. The summer months bring more bicycles, motorcycles, caravans, agricultural vehicles, visiting tourists and seasonal traffic congestion to our roads. Employers are urged to bring the following tips to the attention of their employees who drive for work.

<http://goo.gl/g87MFL>

HSA Launches Free Chemical Safety Online Course for Small Business

The Health and Safety Authority (HSA) has launched a free short on-line course, on chemical safety in the workplace on its e-learning portal, <http://hsalearning.ie>. The course is aimed at workers, supervisors and safety representatives, in any sector where chemicals are used. The 30 minute introductory courses will give learners a quick, free and invaluable introductory guide to identifying and managing hazardous chemicals in the workplace.

<http://goo.gl/r3mkvg>

UK NEWS

HSE's (UK) funding will be cut £100m over ten years

The Health and Safety Executive's (HSE) Business Plan for 2016/17 shows that the funding the executive receives from central government will be over £100 million less in 2019/20 than it was in 2009/10, bringing the total reduction since 2009/10 to 46%.

<http://goo.gl/6O4j4j>

HSE uses science to “enable a better working world”

The Health and Safety Executive's (HSE) first annual science review shows how the executive uses scientific expertise and evidence-based solutions to help them aid others in addressing their health and safety challenges.

<http://goo.gl/zfRBPE>

Ministry of Defence should lose crown immunity, say MPs

The Ministry of Defence should lose its historic immunity from prosecution when armed forces personnel are killed during training, the Commons defence committee has said.

<http://goo.gl/AxLOvF>

Owners of Alton Towers admit to health and safety failures over rollercoaster crash

Two people had their legs amputated after the collision on the Smiler ride in June last year, while three others suffered significant injuries.

<http://goo.gl/xlh1J>

The Hillsborough inquest - 25 years on

Twenty-five years after a first discredited inquest, jurors last week found that the 96 people who were crushed to death at Hillsborough Stadium in 1989 were "unlawfully killed".

<http://goo.gl/P508Vz>

Health and safety scientists given centre stage

At the heart of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) there is a breadth of experience and extensive expertise in science and engineering that is working to help predict the safety and health challenges of the future.

<http://goo.gl/RvTqtq>

Multinational fined £2.6m following trench fatality

A large multinational has been fined £2.6 million after an employee died when a trench he was working in collapsed on him. The deceased, who was a subcontractor on behalf of the company, was laying ducting for new cable for an offshore windfarm that was being built off the coast.

The Crown Court heard that an investigation by the HSE found that the company had failed to do an adequate risk assessment of the work being carried out or control the way in which the excavation took place.

<http://goo.gl/60C3HM>

Firm failed to protect employees from injuries caused by power tools, court told

Several staff at a Welsh manufacturing firm developed serious vibration injuries to fingers and hands because their employer failed to manage the risk, a court was told.

<http://goo.gl/80D4QP>

Well-known bookmakers accused of putting profits ahead of safety

A well-known UK bookmakers has been accused of putting employees at risk by asking staff to work in betting shops alone. A former employee claimed the company continued this unsafe practice despite attacks on members of staff.

<http://goo.gl/vXRMz7>

London to require ISA on all new buses from next year

Transport for London (TfL) has completed trials of Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) technology fitted to buses, proving that the technology can be used to control speeds on London's bus network.

<http://goo.gl/1WBohP>

EUROPEAN NEWS

The Healthy Workplaces for All Ages 2016–17 campaign

The Healthy Workplaces for All Ages 2016–17 campaign raises awareness of the importance of good occupational safety and health management and risk prevention throughout the working life and of tailoring work to individual abilities — whether at the start of a worker's career or at its close. Like previous Healthy Workplaces Campaigns, it is coordinated at national level by EU-OSHA's focal points and supported by official campaign and media partners.

<https://goo.gl/PTu6BO>

European Commission - Fact Sheet

Facts and figures: Healthy Workplaces Campaign for All Ages 2016–17

Relevant facts and figures on the Healthy Workplaces Campaign for All Ages 2016–17: Promoting a sustainable working life.

<http://goo.gl/mUjFA5>

Call for nominations for the 2016–2017 Good Practice Awards

The Healthy Workplaces Good Practice Awards 2016–2017 are now open for nominations.

<https://goo.gl/pOI7yP>

European Transport Safety Council (ETSC) PRAISE Awards 2016

Apply now for the PRAISE awards: showcasing the organisations that are leading on road safety at work.

<http://goo.gl/KLWLIO>

Europe's prize for best film on healthy workplaces

The 2016 campaign for healthy workplaces, with a prize for best film that deals with this issue, has been launched. The deadline for sending in documentaries that highlight the importance of health and safety in the workplace is 7 July. The winner will receive prizemoney of €5,000 and 1,000 DVDs of the winning film will be

produced in various European languages.

<http://goo.gl/9NQqNH>

European Commission proposes to better protect workers from cancer-causing chemicals

The European Commission is proposing changes to the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive (2004/37/EC) to limit exposure to 13 cancer-causing chemicals at the workplace, including "respirable crystalline silica" (RCS). Cancer is estimated to account for more than half of work-related deaths in the EU, totalling around 102,000 deaths per year.

<https://goo.gl/OUGW2F>

A new EU Roadmap on carcinogens

In May 2016 six organisations, including EU-OSHA, the European Commission and the European social partners, signed a Covenant agreeing to participate in a new Roadmap for a scheme to reduce exposures to carcinogens in the workplace. The new scheme proposes to raise awareness of the risks as an element to prevent exposures. It also aims to achieve more widespread and efficient exchange of the many good practices that already exist in this area.

<https://goo.gl/kcRiFv>

US NEWS

California Raising Smoking Age to 21

California will become the second US state to raise the smoking age to 21 and will begin regulating electronic cigarettes like other tobacco products under recently signed legislation. Backers of the law say it will accelerate similar efforts elsewhere. Hawaii is the only other state to have raised the smoking age.

<http://goo.gl/WkzD8E>

New regulations imposed on sale E-Cigarettes in a landmark move

The US federal government have agreed to new federal regulations regarding e-cigarettes, banning the sale of e-cigarettes to minors and requiring producers to disclose ingredients to regulators.

<http://goo.gl/zZWQ3I>

WORLD NEWS

Health and Safety Act could attract international movie makers to New Zealand

New health and safety laws could attract more international movie makers to New Zealand, film industry insiders say. Although The Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 forced Sir Peter Jackson to resign as a director of Weta Workshop, a group of New Zealand screen sector stalwarts believe the new legislation will be positive for the industry, developing guideline for safe work practices in the industry.

<http://goo.gl/2iUMAE>

Australia will price out cigarettes with 50% tax rise over four years

Australia is to continue its aggressive tobacco taxation policy with a further four rounds of 12.5% yearly increases that will hike the price of a pack of cigarettes from the current level of US\$20 (£13.80; €17.40) to around US\$30 by 2020.

<http://goo.gl/W2JnLX>

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS

Workplace fatality at Co. Wexford quarry

A forty-five year old father was killed while operating an excavator at a Co. Wexford quarry. Another man was also injured in the incident. This is the second tragedy to occur at the facility. The Gardaí and the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) are investigating the incident.

<http://goo.gl/N5ZnrZ>

Safety investigation following death of man in Galway

The Health and Safety Authority (HSA) launched an investigation following the death of a man in Galway. The 45-year-old man had been working on a car which was jacked up when it collapsed.

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

Man dies following workplace accident in Waterford

The man who was in his early 20s is understood to have fallen from a height at an industrial cement factory close to Waterford city and was pronounced dead at the scene. The Gardaí and the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) are investigating the fatality.

<http://goo.gl/sB6HL2>

Farmer in his 60s dies after being crushed by tractor

A 65-year-old farmer has died after he was crushed by a tractor after it rolled over him in Co. Kerry. The Gardaí and the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) are investigating the farm death. This is the fifth farming-related fatality in Ireland this year and the third in which a male in his 60s has died due to a machinery-related accident.

<https://goo.gl/19mV7U>

Man in his 70s dies in farm accident involving quad bike

Gardaí and the Health and Safety Authority are investigating the second farm death that occurred in the space of a week as a farmer in his 70s died following a farm accident in Co. Meath. It is understood that the accident involved a quad bike and happened when the man was out on farmland.

<https://goo.gl/DnX9U4>

Tyrone farmer killed by bull

A 54-year-old Tyrone-based farmer who “lived for his animals” died after being attacked by a bull. The Health and Safety Executive Northern Ireland (HSENI) is investigating the fatality.

<http://goo.gl/XMX5vP>

HSA investigating after child seriously injured in farm

The Health and Safety Authority (HSA) has launched an investigation after a child was seriously injured in a farm accident in Galway. It's believed the eight year old girl fell from a tractor.

<http://goo.gl/w1Qok5>

Three fireman injured in explosion during farm shed blaze

Three fire brigade officials who attempting to douse a fire at a farm shed in Co. Cork were injured when a large explosion occurred. They were showered with flying debris and burning material. While their gear protected them from most of the flying debris, three men suffered burns - one of whom sustained serious injuries.

<http://goo.gl/jLgmHE>

IN THE COURTS

Food storage company pleads guilty to breaching safety laws leading to death of employee

- A 32-year old warehouse supervisor was killed instantly when racking holding 36 tonnes of food stuff collapsed onto him.
- A representative pleaded guilty on behalf of the company at Dublin Circuit Criminal Court to health and safety failings involving a forklift leading to the death in November 2015.
- An engineer's report following the accident concluded that the collapse occurred due to an accidental impact with pallets on a forklift that had been stopped beside the shelving.
- The general operative who had been operating the forklift had been employed by the company three weeks earlier and didn't have the appropriate license.
- The Judge said more time was needed to conduct “a scientific approach” to ascertaining the fine before she adjourned the case.

<http://goo.gl/PEZF5m>

Limerick bar loses appeal to award €5,000 to injured employee

- A woman who was dismissed by a city bar a day after her solicitor intended to file a claim with the injuries board has been awarded €5,000 by the Labour Court.
- The bar appealed the Rights Commissioner's decision to award the employee €5,000 compensation, and the decision was upheld at a hearing.
- The claimant contended that her dismissal was “a direct retaliation” to her letter from the previous day. She therefore contended that this was in contravention of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act, 2005.
- The Court measured the amount of compensation at €5,000.

<http://goo.gl/Sm9shB>

Employee killed by manhole cover struck by traffic cone knocked by car, court hears

- A Wicklow civil engineering company faces sentence for health and safety failures which resulted in an employee being fatally struck by a manhole cover.

- A 31-year-old man had been working on the manhole when he was fatally impacted by the cover after it was struck by a traffic cone which had been knocked over by a passing car.
- The company had a plea of guilty entered on its behalf at Dublin Circuit Criminal Court to failing to provide systems of work ensuring the safety, health and welfare of its employees in relation to carrying out works to manhole covers in June 2012.

<http://goo.gl/MgZlwD>

€500,000 for waitress who cut hand when jug "exploded"

- A hotel waitress has been awarded €500,000 for an injury to her hand when a glass jug she was filling shattered.
- The woman was working as a waitress in a luxury hotel in Leitrim in December 2007 when she sustained a deep laceration to her right thumb.
- The award includes a sum of €195,000 in special damages; €13,000 for an automatic car; €1,000 a year for wash and blow dries, and €39 every three months for hair colouring; €2,000 plus per annum has been factored in for six hours' home help each week; €170,000 for the initial injury and the carpal tunnel syndrome suffered; €135,000 for loss of earnings.
- The claimant had sued her employer and owners of the hotel in Co. Leitrim. She also sued two English companies who produced the jug.

<http://goo.gl/CqVovJ>

Worker's breach of health and safety rules see sick pay claim fail

- A warehouse operative with 12 years' service who sustained an injury when he breached his employer's safety procedures has failed in his claim before the Labour Court for company sick pay.
- The company sick pay scheme provides for a graduated entitlement to paid sick leave based on length of service but subject to certain conditions. The Court noted that the rules of the scheme expressly state that no benefit will be payable for absence due to injury at work resulting from the deliberate failure to observe safety practice and procedures within the company.
- It also accepted that the negligent employee had received extensive health and safety and manual handling training relevant to his job.

<https://goo.gl/UnWEaq>

Badminton player must pay €30,000 damages over assault

- International badminton player has been ordered to pay the manager of a badminton centre €30,000 damages for assault and defamation.
- The claimant was injured when trying to interrupt a fight between the accused and another badminton player at a fundraiser at the centre. The accused then made malicious comments about the claimant on Facebook, referring to her as “the evil one”.
- The judge awarded €30,000 damages for the trauma and stress incurred, and for defamation and assault.

<http://goo.gl/S72a7a>

PUBLICATIONS

HSE UK: 77th edition of the REACH Competent Authority e-bulletin

In this edition:

- REACH 2018 - ECHA encourage companies to work together sharing data and costs
- Board of Appeal decision (case A-022-2013) - on ‘one substance, one registration’
- Registrants of substances evaluated in 2015 - to shortly to receive draft decisions for comment
- CoRAP update - Member States to evaluate 39 priority substances in 2016
- ECHA committee activity
- Public consultations
- Published / Guidance / Updates
- Events

<https://goo.gl/EbEoMa>

HSE UK: 78th edition of the REACH Competent Authority

In this edition:

- **Registration 2018**
 - ECHA to review certain registrations
 - Draft update to the Guidance on data sharing sent for consultation
 - ECHA strategy to support registrants apply REACH Annex III criteria

- CH 2018 Roadmap progress report
- Sector-specific support for substance identification
- **Regulatory activity**
 - ECHA - has updated the list of substances potentially subject to compliance checks
 - ECHA - has submitted a restriction dossier for four classified phthalates in articles
 - The European Commission - has granted an authorisation for three uses of dibutyl phthalate (DBP)
- **Public consultations**
 - New intentions for restriction
 - Public consultations launched for applications for authorisation
- **Reports, Guidance & Updates**
 - SVHC Roadmap to 2020 implementation - 2nd report published
 - Opinion trees and checklist - for evaluating applications for authorisation
 - Published report of the application for authorisation task force
 - Compendium on analytical methods to enforce restrictions
 - New Q&As on restrictions
 - New version of IUCLID is available

<https://goo.gl/N1hRJb>

HSE Biocides e-Bulletin

BPC adopts opinions on six active substances, Check the deadlines to apply for Union authorisation of biocidal products, New version of R4BP 3 coming in July.

In this edition:

- EU Biocides Regulation 528/2012 (EU BPR) – The Biocidal Products Committee adopts opinions on six active substances
- EU Biocides Regulation 528/2012 (EU BPR) – Check the deadlines to apply for Union authorisation of biocidal products
- EU Biocides Regulation 528/2012 (EU BPR) – New version of R4BP 3 coming in July

<https://goo.gl/0nr1I1>

HSE Biocides e-Bulletin: Active Substance Approval Reminder

In this edition:

EU Biocides Regulation 528/2012 - Active Substance(s) Approval(s)

<https://goo.gl/H4LssE>

HSE UK: export and import of hazardous chemicals (PIC) eBulletin

The aim of this e-bulletin is to provide updates, news and information on the PIC Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 649/2012 concerning the export and import of hazardous chemicals).

<https://goo.gl/oAoTmo>

Initial report: "Mental diseases and work in Europe" published by Eurogip

In March, Eurogip held the 16th edition of its Discussions on the theme of "Mental diseases and work in Europe" with the participation of EU-OSHA.

<https://goo.gl/W9IkGm>

RESEARCH

Noise generated in intensive care units “breaks WHO guidelines”

Hospital intensive care units generate a cacophony of noise that far exceeds World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines, research suggests.

<http://goo.gl/kdeTcN>

SAFETY ALERTS

Safety Alert for Scaffolding Components

The Health and Safety Authority issued this alert to highlight the importance of ensuring that any scaffolding component used is in safe working order and in an appropriate condition for the task being undertaken. Corroded and rusting scaffolding components can lead to serious issues with the scaffolding's structural integrity and can lead to catastrophic failures and scaffolding collapses.

Key Steps:

- Inspection of scaffolding components must be carried out by a competent person and the condition of components should be continually inspected as part of the scaffolding inspection routine.
- Excessively rusted or corroded scaffold should never be used in a scaffold assembly.

- Any defective components should be put out of use or repaired by a competent person.
- The manufacturers manual for all system scaffolds must be available when erecting, modifying and dismantling scaffolds. This should also inform the user in relation to maintaining the scaffold in good order.

<http://goo.gl/uqcxeO>

Safety Alert for Working on Fragile Roofs

A significant rise in the number of fatalities involving working on roofs, particularly involving fragile roof materials, prompted the Health and Safety Authority to issue this Safety Alert to highlight the need for stringent health and safety procedures when carrying out this type of work.

Key Steps:

1. Do not undertake any roofwork, painting or repairs yourself unless you are competent to do so. Work on fragile and cladded type roofs requires the worker to be competent and in possession of the relevant valid SOLAS Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) for Roof Cladding.
2. Risk assess the work including considering all specific hazards such as fragile roofs.
3. Select the most suitable work equipment for the job. Collective protection must be prioritised over individual protection.
4. Carry out the work in a safe manner in accordance with the HSA Code of Practice for Safety in Roofwork (see link below).

<http://goo.gl/uqcxeO>

CASE STUDIES

EU-OSHA: Healthy Workplaces for All Ages

The case studies collected here demonstrate some of the practical ways in which the challenges of an ageing workforce have been successfully addressed.

<https://goo.gl/89b5VI>

LEGISLATION

SI No 227 of 2016 European Communities (Simple Pressure Vessels) Regulations 2016

This legislation sets out the requirements of manufacturers, importers and distributors in relation to the selling of simple pressure vessels.

<https://goo.gl/YUtl7c>

PUBLIC ENQUIRY

Emergency Lighting: Public Enquiry

I.S. 3217:2013 Emergency Lighting has under gone a review and the resulting draft amendment is now available for public comment.

The aim of this Irish Standard is to promote wider understanding of the different types of emergency lighting systems and modes of operation which may be employed, and to give guidance on their correct application in accordance with the European standards, to the varied requirements of different categories of premises. The emergency lighting system is an integral part of the overall design of the premises.

The Draft Amendment contains a number of revisions, with the main changes being made to Clause 10 Central Powered Systems, the inclusion of a new informative Annex K and an update to 8.5.2.2 Lift cars and lift shafts.

The draft can be accessed and commented on by following the link below. The closing date for comments is the 29th June 2016.

<http://goo.gl/YBul65>

RESOURCES

The Healthy Workplaces for All Ages E-guide

The e-guide "Healthy Workplaces for all Ages" provides workplaces with information and support for occupational safety and health (OSH) management in the context of an ageing workforce. Its aim is to increase awareness and knowledge related to the ageing of the workforce, the ageing process itself and its implications at the workplace, and to provide practical guidance on how to deal with the related challenges.

<https://goo.gl/2eRVNi>

Designing an accident prevention approach for small enterprises

The majority of occupational accidents occur in small enterprises, meaning those with 50 employees or fewer. Encouraging these small enterprises to take preventative action is one key method in avoiding unnecessary accidents, but so is

tailoring solutions to their needs, as this month's OSHwiki article in the spotlight explains.

<https://goo.gl/vPNTfq>

SAFETY TIDBITS

Health and safety alert: university grounds mortarboard throwing

The tradition of throwing a mortarboard into the air after graduation has been scrapped by a university because of health and safety concerns, according to a student newspaper.

<http://goo.gl/DqiZHU>

HEALTH AND SAFETY BLOGS/OPINION

Engaging is the key to retaining

How making health and safety relevant and engaging seems to be the key to reducing injuries at work and saving businesses money.

<http://goo.gl/XfG0gL>

Rude health: Harbour tragedy

Opinion: Health and safety is more of a concept in Ireland than a reality – the editor of the Irish Medical Directory has a few small suggestions.

<http://goo.gl/mB9NaN>

Anton Savage: "Has anyone got any evidence that the NCT is money well spent? Anyone?"

The Road Safety Authority (RSA) had released figures showing that in the period of the car test's operation, road deaths caused by vehicle defects had increased by 2000pc.

<http://goo.gl/CnFd44>

EU decision-makers have done far too little on safety in the workplace

President of the European Trade Union Confederation argues that the challenges facing Europe today, to tackle climate change and to create new sustainable jobs, give us an opportunity to also improve people's working lives and health.

<http://goo.gl/wvTuPd>

Workplace safety is about doing the right thing every day

Martin O'Halloran, Health and Safety Authority CEO, reflects on those who lost their lives in the course of their work on Workers' Memorial Day 2016.

<http://goo.gl/KPAZSd>

Are healthy workplaces possible without preventing harassment at work?

Following the launch of EU-OSHA's two-year Europe-wide campaign to promote sustainable work and healthy ageing for all, one Belgian newspaper asks the organisers if the campaign will also include prevention of harassment (mobbing) at work places. Harassment is a major problem in most member states.

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

Careers Insight: Recognise staff efforts for a healthy business

Recognising the efforts of your workforce can go a long way towards preventing demotivation and stress-related illnesses.

<https://goo.gl/nSmQjp>

Sunday work is a danger to our health and safety

Sundays are traditionally a day of rest and leisure and should remain as such, argues one MEP and Employment and Social Affairs committee member.

<https://goo.gl/KPw6zJ>

Fianna Fail TD eases others' anxiety by speaking honestly about his own

Because of the stigma attached to mental health in Ireland, it has always been hard for any public representative to admit to fighting a private battle to get out of bed in the morning. But it's hard for anyone who is looking for a job, or seeking a promotion, to admit to such feelings. Opening up about mental health issues is a brave and encouraging step for anyone suffering from stress in the workplace or in general.

<http://goo.gl/CYrnLd>

Wearable devices aim to reduce workplace accidents

Every day, 6,300 people die around the world in occupational accidents or from work-related disease — more than 2.3m deaths per year, according to the International Labour Organisation. But for those toiling in hazardous environments

— mines, wind turbines or oil rigs, for example — wearable devices could make work safer.

<http://goo.gl/6vtm7b>

SAFETY MYTHS

Library won't let users plug in their laptops for health and safety reasons

<http://goo.gl/t9w16l>

Tumble turns banned from Council run swimming pool for health and safety reasons

Freestyle lane tumble turns banned from Council run swimming pool for health and safety reasons.

<http://goo.gl/pDhjZ2>

Supermarket banned foldaway bicycle from store for health and safety reasons

<http://goo.gl/brQvI9>

HSE UK: Ban on throwing mortar boards is a tired health and safety myth

Following reports from a number of media outlets that a university plans to ban their students from throwing mortar boards in the air on graduation day for health and safety reasons, the HSE has provided a response to this age-old myth.

<http://goo.gl/soAcbv>

SAFETY IN VIDEOS

Video on OiRA tools in the Live Performance sector

Online interactive Risk Assessment (OiRA) tools for the Live Performance sector.

The tools are made for assessing health and safety risks in venues and production companies, especially in small ones.

<https://goo.gl/sCrmeS>

Lobster Fishing: Preventing Falls Overboard

The IRSST has produced a video about preventing falls overboard from lobster boats. This video, entitled Setting the Course for Safety: Preventing Falls

Overboard, highlights the preventive strategies that have been found to be the most effective and easily adopted by the greatest number of fishing crews.

<http://goo.gl/o2wQ5f>

MCIB REPORTS

The report of the investigation into an accident involving the capsized NAB 21 Dory, “Jillian” off Saltee Islands has been published by the Marine Casualty Investigations Board.

<http://goo.gl/TbhVq4>

STATISTICS

At 1 June 2016, 13 persons have been killed in workplace accidents.

<http://goo.gl/r91JfC>

NISO TRAINING AND EVENTS

[NISO Safe Pass Training](#)

Dublin: NISO Training Centre, A11 Calmount Park, Ballymount, Dublin 12; 10, 17, June

Cork: Clayton Hotel Silver Springs, Cork; 14 June; 13 July

Kilkenny: Springhill Court Hotel, 15 June; 20 July

Clonmel: Clonmel Park Hotel, Co. Tipperary; 8 June; 6 July

NISO Training Centre, Dublin 12

[Manual Handling Basic](#) (half day); 9 June, 7 July

[Risk Assessment](#), QQI Level 5, (4 days); 7-10 June

[Safety Representation](#), NISO Certification (2 days); 13-14 June

[VDU/DSE Assessor](#) (1 day); 15 July

NISO Workshops

[Noise Safety](#), (half day); Cork, 8 June; Dublin, 9 June

[Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome \(HAVS\) Management](#), (half day); Cork, 8 June;

Dublin, 9 June

NISO Events

Diary Date: [NISO Annual Conference and Safety Awards Dinner](#); 7 October,
Killarney



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