



The Safety Observer



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Welcome to the December 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 21 October last and the next edition for NISO members is scheduled for mid January 2016. The last edition of Safety Observer was distributed on 23 November 2016.



NISO News

NISO/NISG Safety Awards Workshops

The safety awards workshops are back for 2017. Workshops are free to attend and will be taking place nationwide throughout January and February 2017. Attendance at a workshop is highly recommended for anyone entering the awards, whether a past entrant or a first timer.

[Click here](#) to book your place.

[Learn more](#)

All Ireland Safety Quiz 2017

The regional heats of the NISO/NISG All Ireland Safety Quiz will be taking place from February 2017. Now is the time to get your team together and start the preparations! The regional quiz heats are now open for bookings - [click here](#) to book your team. Quiz dates also at end of this newsletter.

[Learn more](#)

NISO AGMs

Regional NISO AGMs will be continuing across the country throughout January 2017. The AGMs are the perfect opportunity for NISO members to get involved at committee level. Opportunities to join NISO committees also exist on the night. AGM dates at end of this newsletter.

[Learn more](#)

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

HSA launches free course on managing workplace bullying

The Health and Safety Authority (HSA) has launched a free short online course, Managing Workplace Bullying Complaints, aimed at assisting employers and managers to deal with such complaints. The 30 minute online course will help employers and managers to understand the nature of bullying complaints, recognise what is workplace bullying and what is not, and to be capable of dealing with such complaints in terms of procedures and policies, promptly and effectively.

<https://goo.gl/2Kq5OY>

Farmers could be facing tractor NCT

A working group of the Farm Safety Partnership Advisory Committee is currently considering the establishment of a mandatory safety test system for tractors. If it goes ahead, farmers could be facing the equivalent of an NCT for their tractors in an attempt to reduce the number of farmers hurt and fatally injured in farm machinery incidents.

<https://goo.gl/op8aoK>

HSA statement in relation to occupational first aid

The HSA issued a statement in relation to changes to occupational first aid. As advised in November 2016, it has been agreed between the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) and the Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council to transition to one national harmonised standard for Occupational First Aid training in Ireland.

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

Farmers urged to “switch off” work lamps before road use

The Road Safety Authority (RSA) has urged farmers to “switch off” their work lamps before taking to the road this winter. This safety plea has been issued following a number of public concerns over the illegal use of these lights which can dazzle other road users and cause confusion. Work lamps are fitted to agricultural tractors and self-propelled machinery to give extra visibility when working on the farm, however, it is illegal to use these on the public road and some farmers are forgetting to switch them off.

<https://goo.gl/d76XRr>

€12,000 raised for Munster flying doctor project

A family from West Cork who lost a son and brother in a workplace accident have donated almost €12,000 in his memory to the Munster flying doctor project. Following the accident a local paramedic was first on the scene but the victim died despite the paramedic’s best efforts. It is thought that if an air ambulance service had been in place, his life could have been saved. It is hoped the service, which will serve almost one million people in Munster, will be airborne in spring 2017.

<https://goo.gl/UXT0Bo>

National winners of the European Good Practice Awards

The HSA has announced two regional winners of the European Good Practice Awards. Both entries will go forward to compete with a range of national winners from across Europe.

<https://goo.gl/iiA9DE>

Chemicals companies urged to prepare for REACH 2018

Irish chemical companies who have pre-registered substances that they manufacture or import from outside the EU above one tonne but not greater than 100 tonnes per year, and who have not yet registered them, are strongly urged to begin their preparations for registration now.

<https://goo.gl/e0qw3j>

Employers urged to ensure precautions are taken before Christmas parties

A Donegal-based health and safety expert has advised employers to ensure alcohol consumption at the workplace Christmas party doesn't come at the expense of employee safety. He has appealed to employers to ensure that the correct precautions are taken before parties, drinks receptions and company dinners.

<https://goo.gl/Fk9gQK>

Fire blazed in asbestos-roofed warehouse

Businesses in Arklow, Co Wicklow, were closed and households warned to close windows as a fire destroyed an asbestos-roofed packaging warehouse in the harbour area of the town. Because of the presence of asbestos the gardaí erected a cordon around the area and locals were told to shut windows. Gardaí said once the Health and Safety Authority investigation is complete a forensic examination will take place to establish the cause of the fire.

<https://goo.gl/Mv9gno>

Minister Pat Breen voices alarm at spike in farm deaths

The Minister for Employment and Small Business Pat Breen, plus 30 local farmers, attended a farm safety walk in Co. Clare, organised by the HSA and Teagasc. The walk was designed to give local farmers an opportunity to learn first hand about the practicalities of safety. Speaking at the event Minister Breen voiced his concern at the sharp increase in fatal accidents on farms recently.

<https://goo.gl/uERqRN>

Man set fire to a digger with driver inside at building site

A construction worker in Dublin was hospitalised after a man set a digger on fire while the worker was operating the vehicle. It is understood the man threw a lit carton of petrol into the cab. No arrests have been and Garda are investigating the

incident.

<https://goo.gl/qrlFd9>

UK NEWS

Vehicle manufacturers sentenced for worker fall

The national truck, bus and plant division of a large vehicle manufacturers has been fined £900,000 after one of their workers fell and suffered head injuries. An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found the step ladder that the worker was using was damaged and its anti-slip feet were worn. The company pleaded guilty to breaching Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and was fined £900,000 and ordered to pay costs of £5,820.28, with a £150 victim surcharge.

<https://goo.gl/nxogv5>

Farmer whose cattle killed rambler fined £30,000

A farmer has been ordered to pay £30,000 after his herd of Limousin cross continental cattle trampled and killed one rambler and injured another in May 2013.

<https://goo.gl/PUmnTx>

Tractor driver jailed for killing boy on farm while drunk

A tractor driver who drank the estimated equivalent of 13 pints of beer the night before he ran over and killed an 11-year-old boy on a farm has now been jailed for more than a year.

<https://goo.gl/Prcqx8>

Stunt show director to be sentenced over “human cannonball” death

A stunt company director will be sentenced over health and safety breaches following the death of a human cannonball who was killed after being fired into the air at a show. The stuntman died after suffering multiple injuries when a safety net

intended to break his fall collapsed as he hurtled to the ground. He had been fired from a lorry-mounted cannon in front of hundreds of spectators during a Stunt Show in Kent in 2011.

<https://goo.gl/4m02Ma>

EUROPEAN NEWS

Call for an EU target to reduce serious road injuries

Newly-published research carried out for the European Commission recommends that the EU should set a target to reduce the number of people seriously injured in road collisions. While the number of deaths on European roads has fallen dramatically over the last decade, serious injuries have declined at a much slower rate.

<https://goo.gl/PHull8>

European agencies Eurofound, EU-OSHA, Cedefop: European Council reach agreement

The Council of the European Union has reached an agreement on new regulations governing the European foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (**Eurofound**), the European agency for safety and health at work (**EU-OSHA**) and the European Center for the Development of Vocational Training (**CEDEFOP**).

<https://goo.gl/Cw0Ykj>

Commission outlines plans for safer cars, vans and lorries

The European Commission has published a list of 19 lifesaving safety technologies that could be made mandatory on new vehicles in the next update of EU vehicle safety rules expected next year.

<https://goo.gl/qFH4yU>

WORLD NEWS

Seventy-four workers killed in China construction site disaster

Thirteen people were arrested after scaffolding collapsed at a power plant construction site in eastern China, killing 74 workers. The investigation is focusing on a major engineering firm which has taken on multiple high-profile power plant projects and has a history of workplace fatalities.

<https://goo.gl/xlteIn>

GENERAL SAFETY NEWS

Christmas warning issued to parents over dangers of mini-motorised vehicles

Gardaí and the Road Safety Authority (RSA) have issued a joint appeal saying that little cars, mini-motorbikes and quad bikes can cause serious injuries. They say hospitals have reported injuries including fractures and head injuries as a result of the vehicles, and Gardaí say mishaps have also led to the deaths of children in the UK and Ireland.

<https://goo.gl/mL8V6W>

The man who invented the Heimlich manoeuvre has died aged 96

Dr. Henry Heimlich, the man who gave his name to a famous technique that saved the lives of countless choking victims, has died aged 96. A thoracic surgeon, Heimlich died at a nursing home in Cincinnati, Ohio following a heart attack.

<https://goo.gl/hVYUQk>

Christmas Road Safety Campaign message from An Garda Síochána

An Garda Síochána want everyone to enjoy the Christmas Holiday period in safety and are particularly anxious to ensure that persons using a vehicle are aware of the Christmas holiday enforcement campaign. The objective of the Garda enforcement operation is to reduce road traffic collisions, save lives and reduce injuries and to

remind drivers of the dangers of speeding on our roads.

<https://goo.gl/LgiBx1>

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS

Farmer dies in Co. Cork farm accident

An 83-year-old farmer has died following an accident involving a quad bike on a farm in Co. Cork. It is understood that the farmer fell from the vehicle. An Garda Síochána and the HSA are investigating the incident.

<https://goo.gl/w4qs3w>

Man dies in Tipperary farm accident

A man in his 70s has died following a farm accident in Tipperary after he was crushed under the vehicle he was working under. The man was pronounced dead at the scene. Gardaí and the HSA are investigating the accident.

<https://goo.gl/xbGqm8>

Man dies after wall collapses in Waterford

A man in his 20s has died after a wall collapsed on a construction site in Waterford. Gardaí and the HSA have launched separate investigations into the incident.

<https://goo.gl/n8p8DT>

Man dies in wind farm landslide

A 37-year-old man has died in a landslide on a wind farm site in the north west. It is believed the man and a colleague were working with a machine on a mountainside when there was a land slippage. Gardaí and the HSA are investigating the incident.

<https://goo.gl/sSHQbv>

Farmer airlifted to hospital following farm accident

A farmer in his 60s was airlifted to Cork University Hospital following a farm accident in Co. Cork. It is understood that the man suffered chest and head injuries as a result of the farm accident and emergency services felt it was necessary to airlift the man to CUH.

<https://goo.gl/VOAwCp>

IN THE COURTS

Teacher awarded damages following accident at work

A teacher has been awarded almost €9,000 damages following an accident at work in 2011. The teacher sustained injuries to his forehead, wrists, legs, shoulders and back when he fell from a ladder while trying to untie ropes to use during a PE class. The judge set general damages at €20,000 with €1,945 special damages. With liability at 60%, the plaintiff was awarded €8,778.

<https://goo.gl/wiOhdj>

Woman who slipped on pigeon droppings at train station awarded €25,000

A woman who sustained injuries after slipping on pigeon droppings at a Dublin train station has been awarded almost €25,000 in damages. The plaintiff was working as a bar assistant at an open air restaurant at the station when the incident happened. The judge ruled that management was aware of the problem with pigeon droppings but hadn't assessed the risk.

<https://goo.gl/OhljYc>

Woman awarded over €55,000 after slipping in Dublin hotel

A 69-year-old business woman, who suffered a triple fracture of her left ankle after she slipped and fell in a Dublin hotel, has been awarded €56,250 damages in the Circuit Civil Court. The plaintiff had entered the hotel through the emergency exit doors. Engineering evidence showed that the floor became slippery when moisture was carried under people's shoes and there was no mat at the emergency doors to

trap any potential moisture. The judge said it was “an accident waiting to happen”.

<https://goo.gl/L5J7vK>

Truck Driver Charged Over Crash Which Claimed Life Of Offaly Woman

A truck driver has been charged with dangerous driving causing the death of a woman in connection with a collision on the M50 in Dublin. The deceased was seriously injured after two trucks and her car were involved in a collision on the southbound carriageway of the M50 in 2015. She was in critical condition when she was rushed to Tallaght Hospital where she was pronounced dead two days later.

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

PUBLICATIONS

Report on the emergent risk as a result of the use of robots at work

Today’s industrial robots have introduced new risk to the workplace even though their areas of operation are clearly defined in safety zones or cages. TNO, the Netherlands Organisation for applied scientific research, has recently released a report on the emergent risk to workplace safety as a result of the use of robots in the workplace.

<https://goo.gl/qWH5qu>

Managing Europe’s ageing workforce: challenges in facts and figures

European workers are ageing and efficient age management in the workplace is key to ensure safe and healthy conditions throughout the working life. As part of the current Healthy Workplaces for All Ages campaign, a handy infographic has been published which illustrates the landscape of the European ageing workforce and displays the main elements of successful age management.

<https://goo.gl/c8AaDr>

GUIDANCE

Guidance on Occupational Hazards in Dentistry

New guidance from the Health and Safety Authority to assist in the systematic identification of occupational hazards in dentistry and to highlight protective and preventative measures that might be adopted in order to mitigate the risks posed to workers to as low a level as reasonably practicable.

<https://goo.gl/TZ4568>

Guide to the Electromagnetic Fields Regulations 2016

Electromagnetic fields are generated whenever electricity is used. These guidelines explain the main provisions of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Electromagnetic Fields) Regulations, 2016 (S.I. No. 337 of 2016) in a user friendly way.

<https://goo.gl/s0F4V0>

A Guide to Risk Assessments and Safety Statements

No matter what size your business is, you are responsible for the safety of yourself, your employees, and any other person that may be affected by your work activities. You are also legally obliged to prepare a safety statement and carry out risk assessments for your business. See guidance from the HSA on preparing risk assessments and safety statements.

<https://goo.gl/pQInel>

A Guide to Maintaining Best Practices in Safety and Health

This guidance from the HSA is aimed at business leaders, owners, managers and those who control work activities at all workplaces.

<https://goo.gl/ZtD2Rz>

RESOURCES

Safe and healthier work at any age data visualisation tool

The data visualisation tool highlights the key findings on a project carried out by EU-OSHA at the request of the European Parliament, aimed at understanding occupational health and safety in the context of an ageing EU workforce. It provides an accessible visual presentation of data on demographics, employment, working conditions and health in the context of an ageing workforce, and of OSH and related policies addressing the challenges.

<https://goo.gl/7P2ecW>

RESEARCH

Arrangements for health, safety and welfare in the global container terminal industry

Health and safety arrangements in the container terminal industry have rarely been the subject of a systematic study. A research team from the University of Cardiff in Wales aimed to get a better understanding of this sector by examining 11 container terminal industries in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region. This OSHwiki article outlines the methodology behind their research, the results and the implications for OSH in international terminals.

<https://goo.gl/EkBYsr>

RESEARCH REPORTS

RR1086 Noise risk as described in instructions supplied with printing machinery

The printing industry uses a wide range of noisy machines that have the potential to damage workers' hearing if the risks are not effectively managed. Users need information that represents noise emissions during the intended uses of the machine, to enable an assessment and the management of the associated noise risks. This report describes research that was carried out to assess the adequacy of

the noise emission information provided in a sample of fifteen instruction manuals supplied by manufacturers of printing machinery.

<https://goo.gl/G3RsDX>

RR1077 Safe storage of wood pellet and wood chip fuel

Wood pellet and wood chip boilers are used in homes, community buildings and businesses as a renewable energy alternative to oil or gas fired boilers. They are also increasingly being considered for use in large scale power generation. The study confirmed that potentially dangerous atmospheres may be generated in both wood pellet and wood chip storage.

<https://goo.gl/S2AGzr>

RR1708 The use of vehicle structure in load securing on heavy goods vehicles

This report assesses the legislation applicable to the transport of goods in the UK under both road traffic and health and safety at work legislation. It assesses the guidance available to operators and consignors and the methods of securing loads that are commonly-used at present.

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

RR1079 - Access to and work on flatbed vehicles

Flatbed vehicles are widely used to transport many types of goods on the road. A number of fatal or major incidents are reported to HSE and local authorities where drivers, members of the public, or site personnel have been injured during the loading and unloading of these vehicles. This report describes a multi-disciplinary, mixed-method approach to research on this topic, comprising both quantitative and qualitative analysis, undertaken to establish contributory factors to incidents and areas of concern when accessing or working on flatbed vehicles.

<https://goo.gl/N1O3WO>

RR1080 A study of the generic safety-integrity requirements of fairground rides

The use of computer-based control systems allows modern fairground rides to perform increasingly complex functions at very high speeds. In some cases, passenger safety will depend on the correct operation of these control systems, so their failure could compromise passenger safety. As a result, it is important that the rate of potentially dangerous control-system failures is adequately low in relation to the hazard level associated with the functions that they carry out.

<https://goo.gl/vC5RTS>

RR1083 Risks to respirator health in the grain industry

A detailed literature search was carried out to summarise evidence about respiratory disease caused by exposure to grain dust. The conclusion of this review is that the damaging effects of grain dust on the respiratory tract are accumulative and occur at high concentrations of exposure.

<https://goo.gl/gNLrBO>

SAFETY BLOGS/OPINION

Advancing safety with mobile technology

Steven Wesley, Global Mobile Communications, looks at the importance of mobile technology as a means of consistent, reliable communication in the construction industry.

<https://goo.gl/ObMcwj>

Can you afford to have an accident?

The last thing that any small business, including haulage operators, needs is a worker or customer getting hurt. Unfortunately 15,000 small businesses in Ireland experience a workplace accident each year - that's one in six - with an average cost of over €9,000 to each business involved. To help small businesses minimise the

chance of an accident occurring the HSA has developed BeSMART.ie - a free, easy to use online tool that helps small businesses prepare a safety statement and risk assessments specific to their business.

<https://goo.gl/re8yDn>

How can we make farms a safer place?

Val O'Connor talks about farm safety and why there are so many farm deaths.

<https://goo.gl/OdXuSp>

Can Building Information Modelling (BIM) improve health and safety

Using BIM – Building Information Modelling – is now a requirement on many publicly funded projects in the UK. But can intelligent 3D models really improve health and safety, or is it all theoretical technobabble?

<https://goo.gl/sKvDfU>

STATISTICS

Correct at 19 December 2016: 41 people have been killed in Irish workplace accidents since January 2016.

<https://goo.gl/QJglfg>

SAFETY TIDBITS

Bean company's #CanSong advert banned

A Heinz Beans advert has been banned for encouraging behaviour that risks health and safety. The advert teaches viewers how to use an empty can to drum out the rhythm of a tune with the catchline "Learn the #CanSong", but the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) in the UK has banned it due to "the associated risk of cuts".

<https://goo.gl/wYrIMr>

Large coffee chain refuses to give hot water to heat baby food for health and safety reasons

Four outlets of a large coffee chain refused to give hot water to a mother to heat her baby's food on health and safety grounds, in spite of the fact that serving hot drinks is the basis of its business.

<https://goo.gl/Kg1sl0>

An “elf and safety” guide to the Christmas party season

As the carol goes “Tis the season to be jolly” but, at the risk of being party poopers, according to a report by the UK's National Health Service, more than 80,000 people require hospital treatment for Christmas-related incidents every year and many of those happen in workplaces or business premises.

<https://goo.gl/Yjqtlb>

SAFETY MYTHS

Banned from using antibacterial wipes

An employee was advised that using antibacterial wipes to clean inside vehicles could lead to the development of a “superbug”.

<https://goo.gl/ZyTlzx>

Baby dummies café ban

A mother had to leave a café as the manager banned the use of dummies for young children and babies for health and safety reasons.

<https://goo.gl/Zgtai6>

SAFETY IN PICTURES

Roofers' risky behaviour spotted by people on a health and safety course

<https://goo.gl/8OUy5R>

SAFETY APPS

New app to help children stay safe on Irish farms

A new app designed to promote safety for children on farms has been launched by Agrikids, amid warnings of heightened risks to children over the winter period. The mobile game aims to “empower children to become farm safety ambassadors”. It is available on Android and iOS.

<https://goo.gl/5axM29>

MCIB REPORTS

The report into the bottoming of the “MV Cielo Di Monaco” at Greenore Port on 27 September 2015 was published recently by the Marine Casualty Investigation Board.

<https://goo.gl/F0ei8K>

NISO MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION 2017

NISO will soon be sending out subscription reminders to all our members. Prices remain unchanged from last year. If your organisation will be paying using a PO number, please send the PO number to info@niso.ie now and we will add this to your membership renewal invoice.

TRAINING AND EVENTS

[NISO Safe Pass Training](#)

Dublin: NISO Training Centre, A11 Calmount Park, Ballymount, Dublin 13, 20 & 27 January

Kilkenny: Springhill Court Hotel; 11 January; 8 February

Cork: Clayton Hotel Silver Springs, Cork; 25 January; 22 February

Clonmel: Clonmel Park Hotel, Co. Tipperary; 17 January; 15 February

NISO Training Centre, Dublin 12

All courses listed below available to be delivered in-house, nationwide, on request

[Introduction to Health and Safety for the Non Safety Specialist](#) (2 day); 11-12 Jan 2017

[Manual Handling Basic](#) (half day); 19 January

[Risk Assessment: Basic Concepts](#) NISO Cert (2 day); 23-24 January

[VDU/DSE Assessor](#) NISO Cert (1 day); 24 January

[Occupational First Aid](#) (QQI L5) (3 day); 25-27 January

[Safety Representation](#) NISO Cert (2 days); 13-14 February

[IOSH Managing Safely](#) (4 day); 20-23 February

[Health and Safety Representation](#), QQI L5 (4 day); 6-9 March

[Manual Handling Instructor Course](#) QQI L5 (5 day); 6-8 & 13-14 March

[Occupational First Aid Re-Certification](#) NISO Cert (1 day) 30 March

Regional Courses

[Introduction to Occupational H&S, Athlone IT](#) (13 wks/2 Hrs p/w); Feb 2017

[Introduction to Occupational H&S, Limerick IT](#) (13 wks/2 Hrs p/w); Feb 2017

NISO/NISG Safety Awards Workshops

[Limerick:](#) 12 January 2017; 15.30hrs-17.00hrs; Greenhills Hotel; Ennis Road, Limerick

[Dublin/Gormanstown:](#) 16 January 2017; 09.30hrs-11.00hrs; CityNorth Hotel, Gormanstown, Co Meath

[Athlone:](#) 17 January 2017; 15.00hrs-16.30hrs; Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone, Co

Westmeath

[Cork](#); 26 January 2017; 15.00hrs - 16.30hrs; Radisson Blu Hotel, Little Island, Cork

[Waterford](#); 1 February 2017; 15.00 – 16:30hrs; Viking Hotel, Waterford City

[Galway](#); 2 February 2017; 14:00 – 15:30hrs; Oranmore Lodge Hotel; Oranmore, Co Galway

[Sligo](#); 6 February 2016; 14.00hrs - 15.30hrs; Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa, Sligo

Northern Ireland; Date, Time & Venue TBC - Contact NISG - info@nisg.org.uk

All Ireland Safety Quiz Dates

[NISO Western Region](#) [covering counties Galway, Mayo, Roscommon]

9 February 2017; 20:00hrs; Oranmore Lodge Hotel, Oranmore, Co Galway.

[NISO Midland Region](#) [covering counties Laois, Longford, Offaly, Westmeath]

7 March 2017; 20.00hrs; Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

[NISO North East Region](#) [covering counties Cavan, Louth, Meath, Monaghan]

9 March 2017; 20.00hrs; The Errigal Hotel, Cootehill, Co. Cavan.

[NISO North West Region](#) [covering counties Donegal, Leitrim, Sligo]

16 March 2017; 20.00hrs; The Clayton Hotel, Sligo.

[NISO South Eastern Region](#) [covering counties Carlow, Kilkenny, Tipperary South, Waterford, Wexford]

21 March 2017; 19.00hrs; The Tower Hotel, Waterford.

[NISO Eastern Region](#) [covering counties Dublin, Kildare, Wicklow]

22 March 2017; 19.00hrs; The Gresham Hotel, Dublin 1.

[NISO Mid West Region](#) [covering counties Clare, Limerick, Tipperary North]

23 March 2017; 20.00hrs; Greenhills Hotel, Limerick.

[NISO Southern Region](#) [covering counties Cork, Kerry]

28 March 2017; 20.00hrs; Oriel House Hotel, Co Cork.

[NISG Northern Ireland](#) [covering counties Antrim, Armagh, Derry, Down, Fermanagh, Tyrone]

24 March 2017; 19.00hrs; Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast.

All Ireland Safety Quiz Final

Saturday, 22 April 2017; 14:30hrs; Sligo.

NISO Regional Annual General Meetings (AGM)

[NISO North West Region](#) [covering counties Donegal, Leitrim, Sligo]

21 November 2016; 20:00hrs; Mill Park Hotel, Donegal Town.

[NISO Western Region](#) [covering counties Galway, Mayo, Roscommon]

5 December 2016; 19:00hrs; Oranmore Lodge Hotel, Oranmore, Co Galway.

[NISO North East Region](#) [covering counties Cavan, Louth, Meath, Monaghan]

15 December 2016; Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk, Co Louth.

[NISO Mid West Region](#) [covering counties Clare, Limerick, Tipperary North]

12 January 2017; 20:00hrs; Greenhills Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick.

[NISO Midland Region](#) [Covering counties Laois, Longford, Offaly, Westmeath]

17 January 2017; Creggan Court Hotel, N6 Centre, Athlone, Co Westmeath.

[NISO Eastern Region](#) [covering counties Dublin, Kildare, Wicklow]

25 January 2017; NISO Training Centre, A11 Calmount Park, Ballymount, Dublin
12.

[NISO Southern Region](#) [covering counties Cork, Kerry]

26 January 2017; 18.00hrs; The Radisson Blu Hotel, Cork

[NISO South Eastern Region](#) [covering counties Carlow, Kilkenny, Tipperary
South, Waterford, Wexford]

10 January 2017; 20.00hrs; Brandon House Hotel, New Ross, Co. Wexford

NISO National Annual General Meeting (AGM)

12.00hrs; 22 April 2017; The Radisson Blu Hotel, Sligo.





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