



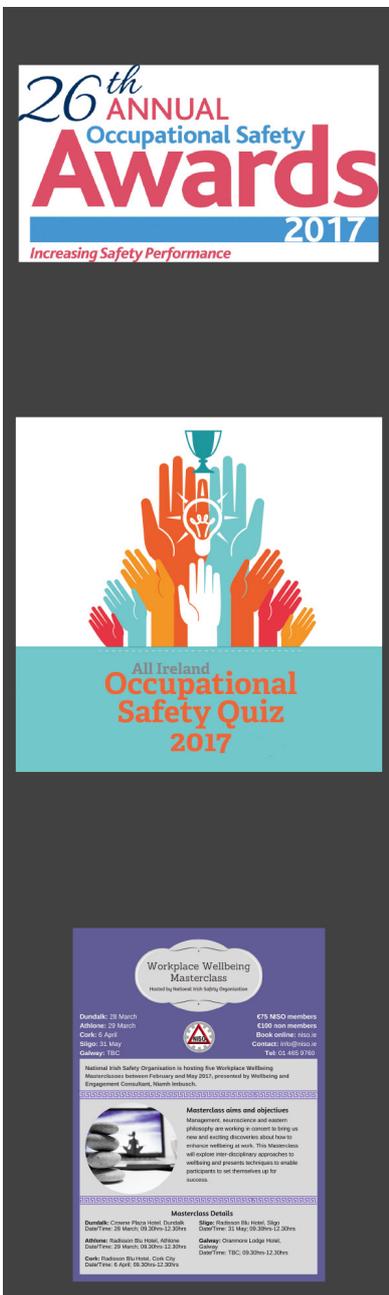
# The Safety Observer



Newsletter of the National Irish Safety Organisation

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Welcome to the March 2017 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 January 2017 last and the next edition for NISO members is scheduled for mid April 2017. The last edition of Safety Observer was distributed on 21 December 2016.



## NISO News

### All Ireland Occupational Safety Awards - Deadlines

The deadlines for submission to the All Ireland Occupational Safety Awards are approaching:

Early Bird Deadline: 31 March

Standard Deadline: 5 May

[Click here](#) for more details...

### All Ireland Safety Quiz 2017

The regional heats of the NISO/NISG All Ireland Safety Quiz will be taking place throughout March. You still have time to get a team together and take part! The regional quiz heats are open for bookings - [click here](#) to book your team. Quiz dates also at end of this newsletter.

[Learn more](#)

### Workplace Wellbeing Masterclasses

NISO is hosting a Masterclass series on Workplace Wellbeing from March to May 2017. Masterclasses will take place in Dundalk, Athlone, Cork, Sligo and Galway.

Upcoming venues and dates are at the 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](mailto:info@niso.ie).

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## **IRISH NEWS**

### **Workplace fatalities down, farm deaths rise**

The Health and Safety Authority has published its end-of-year figures for 2016 which show 44 people were killed in the workplace last year compared to 56 in the preceding year. Despite this overall 21% reduction, the number of farm deaths rose from 18 in 2015 to 21 last year.

<https://goo.gl/J5DUk4>

### **Road deaths up 15% in 2016**

The number of road deaths in 2016 rose by 15 per cent compared with 2015 during what has been a “very bad year” for road safety according to the Road Safety Authority (RSA).

<https://goo.gl/3LRjio>

### **HSA Programme of Work 2017**

The Health and Safety Authority has published its “Programme of Work for 2017” providing details of planned actions, priorities and inspection targets for the year. This year there are a total of 11,220 workplace inspections and investigations planned, a slight increase on the 2016 target of 11,165 inspections.

<https://goo.gl/aMJZm2>

### **Asbestos-related deaths set to hit record levels**

Asbestos-related deaths are expected to hit a record high in the next few years as the legacy of decades of ignorance about the cancer-causing building material hits home.

<https://goo.gl/nXzWkt>

### **HSA to carry out up to 500 farm inspections in March**

Almost 500 farms will be visited by Health and Safety Authority (HSA) inspectors in March, as part of a month-long campaign. The campaign is set to begin on March 1 with the HSA placing a particular focus on the safe handling of livestock.

<https://goo.gl/bKb5CF>

### **Number of trucks hitting rail bridges increased**

Iarnród Éireann has reported a “worrying” increase in incidents where vehicles have crashed into rail bridges. The company regards “bridge strikes” as the single most likely cause of a serious rail safety incident on the network.

<https://goo.gl/Ab8rfD>

### **Pressure on Government to launch Air Corps inquiry**

There is growing pressure on the Government to launch an independent inquiry into the exposure of members of the Air Corps to cancer-causing toxins. Six members are suing the State claiming their health was adversely affected due to working with hazardous chemicals.

<https://goo.gl/AOUNwc>

### **Poll finds 47% of farmers have been attacked by cows**

It has recently been reported that cow attacks on farms greatly outnumber bull attacks in terms of fatalities. Cow attacks have increased significantly in recent decades, particularly around calving time.

<https://goo.gl/Dgk7kk>

### **H&S breaches found in four disability centres**

Deficiencies in staff training, breaches of fire safety requirements, failures in medication management and failures in protecting patients from potential abuse, have been found in four HSE-run centres for people with a disability in the northwest.

<https://goo.gl/hDVWMx>

### **Concerns raised over theme park regulations**

A recent incident in an Irish adventure theme park has highlighted a gap in legislation which means that no statutory body has the responsibility or authority to investigate health and safety incidents in theme parks and funfairs where members of the public injured.

<https://goo.gl/Xi7em3>

### **Warning to employers over staff driving laws**

THE RSA, HSA and An Garda Síochána recently launched a joint initiative reminding employers that “proper measures must be put in place” to ensure that any staff driving for work are as protected as possible. Statistics have revealed that people who drive for work are 40% more likely than other drivers to be involved in an accident.

<https://goo.gl/l6Rtr9>

### **“Farm Safely” video by secondary school students launched**

A group of fifth year agricultural students were prompted to create a farm safety video in response to the lack of farm safety awareness education in secondary schools. The video is narrated by rugby player Sean O’Brien and features an interview with Michael Healy Rae amongst others. The video has received 5,000 views on YouTube to date.

<https://goo.gl/HrifOk>

## **UK NEWS**

### **Three firms fined over £2 million after trench collapse**

Three companies have been sentenced after a worker's leg was broken in six places when a trench in which he was working in collapsed on him. An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found insufficient measures were taken to protect those working in the trench, and a series of safety errors had led to the collapse.

<https://goo.gl/bJQDWg>

### **UK women suffer more work stress than men**

Women in the UK suffer from more work-related stress than men due to office sexism, extra responsibilities at home and unequal pay, according to official figures from the UK's Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

<https://goo.gl/m4j2ty>

### **Furnishings retailer fined £1m following worker's head injuries**

A UK-based furniture retailer has been fined £1m after safety failings which led to serious neck and head injuries of a worker. The worker was unloading wooden furniture frames at one of the company's upholstery sites when he was struck by an unsecured furniture arm which fell from an unstable load. The impact knocked him unconscious and he suffered serious head and neck injuries.

<https://goo.gl/72UN7L>

### **Dairy manufacturer fined £400k after worker's fall**

UK-based Dairy manufacturer has been fined £400,000 after a worker suffered serious injuries when he fell 15 feet through a fragile roof panel.

<https://goo.gl/eUayUn>

### **Energy giant's appeal against £3m fine dismissed**

UK-based energy giant has failed in its bid to reduce the level of a fine handed down after an offshore multiple gas release incident in the North Sea.

<https://goo.gl/BTP9OD>

### **Crisp manufacturer fined £340k for hand slice**

A crisp manufacturer has been ordered to pay more than £340,000 for safety failings after an agency worker lost the tops of three fingers in a workplace accident.

<https://goo.gl/A5dcnf>

### **Homewares retailer fined £2.2m after worker left paralysed**

A homewares retailer has pleaded guilty to charges under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 after failing to ensure safety procedures. The incident took place in August 2013 when the employee suffered life-altering injuries after becoming crushed by a metal cage, which was overloaded with paint, leaving her paralysed.

<https://goo.gl/X186mc>

### **Luxury car manufacturer fined £900,000 after accident**

A car manufacturer has been fined £900,000 after a worker lost his leg in an accident at one of its factories. A trial heard that the employee was crushed between two vehicles at the plant in February 2015 resulting in the amputation of his right leg.

<https://goo.gl/Im3ECj>

## **EUROPEAN NEWS**

### **EU commission launches H&S initiative**

Building on past efforts, the Commission's new health and safety initiative aims to: better protect workers against work-related cancer; help businesses, in particular

SME's and micro-enterprises, in their efforts to comply with the existing legislative framework; and put a bigger focus on results and less on paperwork.

<https://goo.gl/mleA9u>

### **EU-OSHA 2018-19 campaign announced**

The EU-OSHA has announced that it's 2018-19 campaign is already underway and will focus on dangerous substances in the workplace. The campaign objectives are to raise awareness of dangerous substances, promote risk assessment and sharing of good practices, target particularly vulnerable workers and to showcase the legislative framework that protects workers in the EU.

<https://goo.gl/cpZs7D>

### **Join the Roadmap on Carcinogens at Work**

The main goal of the "roadmap on carcinogens" at work is identifying smart solutions and sharing good practices between businesses and organisations that could make a big difference by reducing workers' exposure to carcinogens.

<https://goo.gl/m7Slve>

## **US NEWS**

### **Nearly 5,000 workers died on the job in 2015**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that 4,836 workers were killed on the job in the United States in 2015, a slight increase from the 4,821 who died in 2014.

<https://goo.gl/ZmO6Qj>

### **Seven amputations on average reported in US workplaces per day**

Since OSHA began requiring employers to report severe injuries in 2015, the agency has recorded on average more than seven amputations a day.

<https://goo.gl/Bv2AKQ>

## **WORLD NEWS**

### **Australian firm responsible for Irishwoman's injuries fined**

An Australian company has been fined \$60,000 after an Irish worker was seriously injured in a workplace accident on a farm 200km north of Melbourne.

<https://goo.gl/gRPfD5>

### **Study finds link between work stress and five cancers**

Research carried out in Canada has found that prolonged exposure to work-related stress has been linked to an increased likelihood of lung, colon, rectal and stomach cancer and non-Hodgkin lymphoma in men.

<https://goo.gl/GXSgLh>

## **GENERAL SAFETY NEWS**

### **Conman jailed for selling fake fire and safety glass**

A fraudster who sold fake fire-resistant glass to be fitted in hospitals and primary schools across Ireland and the UK has been jailed for 12 months.

<https://goo.gl/sNJSUP>

### **Balloon popping found to be louder than a shotgun**

Tests have revealed that exposure to a single balloon pop is louder than a shotgun and could lead to permanent hearing loss.

<https://goo.gl/3PY35o>

### **Horses and road safety**

Safety advice for horse riders using roads and guidance for drivers when encountering horse riders on the road.

<https://goo.gl/NzDQOG>

## **FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS**

### **Man dies in Co. Clare accident**

The Gardaí and the HSA are investigating an incident in Co. Clare in which a man in his 70s died after becoming trapped under a mini-digger in a shed at his home.

<https://goo.gl/Qk0zv5>

### **Man killed in Kildare workplace accident**

A man in his mid-40s has died after being hit by a truck in a Co. Kildare business park. The HSA is investigating the incident.

<https://goo.gl/SP2b1g>

### **Man killed in workplace accident in Galway**

A man in his 40s has been killed in in workplace accident at a Galway harbour. The deceased was working on installing pontoons when he suffered a blow to the head from equipment. A second man was injured in the incident. The HSA are investigating the incident.

<https://goo.gl/rL7iNB>

### **Man dies after fall on farm**

A man in his 30s has died in a farm accident in Co. Kerry. The Gardaí and HSA are both investigating the incident.

<https://goo.gl/iExam0>

### **Man in his 70s dies in Co. Monaghan quarry**

The HSA is investigating an incident in which a man in his 70s died while working at a quarry in Co. Monaghan.

<https://goo.gl/L0IUSG>

### **Man dies in Co. Wexford farm accident**

A man in his 80s has died in an accident on a farm in Co. Wexford. The HSA is investigating the incident.

<https://goo.gl/WVnMIp>

### **Man dies in Co Galway farm accident**

An 84-year-old man has died following an accident while moving cattle on a farm in Co. Galway. The HSA is investigating the incident.

<https://goo.gl/Ux04bA>

### **Man dies in Cork farm accident following a fall**

The man suffered fatal injuries after falling from a 10 foot height whilst working on his own, according to the HSA. It is understood that the deceased fell through a roof.

<https://goo.gl/oxRPJt>

### **Irishman dies in London workplace accident**

An Irishman in his 20s has been killed in an accident on a London building site. The Metropolitan Police and the UK's HSE are investigating the fatality.

<https://goo.gl/2c9nNd>

### **Trench collapses on worker in Co. Mayo**

A construction worker was airlifted to hospital suffering with serious injuries after part of a trench in which he was working collapsed on him in Co. Mayo. It is understood that the worker was in the ten-foot-deep trench when part of the embankment came in on top of him. A machine is believed to have been operating in close proximity at the time of the incident. Nobody else was injured.

<https://goo.gl/dTpg2Q>

## **IN THE COURTS**

## **Co. Louth company plead guilty to health and safety failings**

A Co. Louth company has pleaded guilty in a health and safety prosecution after the death of an employee three years ago. The managing director pleaded guilty to one count of failing as an employer to ensure the safety, health and welfare at work of an employer by failing to provide systems of work in relation to the task in which the deceased was involved in when he suffered an injury that caused his death.

<https://goo.gl/OrXolp>

## **SAFETY ALERTS**

### **Garden Buddy PM34 Lawn Mower**

The Health and Safety Authority has been advised by the UK-based company Integral Sourcing Operation Ltd of a potential safety defect concerning “Garden Buddy” PM35 Petrol Lawn Mowers.

<https://goo.gl/x15P1T>

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Safe Load Securing - Information Sheets**

Three new information sheets from the Health and Safety Authority:

- Safe Load Securing of Site Cabins and Prefabs
- Safe Load Securing of Round Timber
- Safe Load Securing on Curtain-sided Vehicles

All information sheets available on HSA website.

<https://goo.gl/dnoy6r>

### **86th edition of the REACH Competent Authority**

The HSE Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation & restriction of Chemicals (REACH) eBulletin

In this edition:

- Registration 2018
- Regulatory activity
- Consultations
- Reports, Guidance and Updates

<https://goo.gl/0l1U3s>

### **ETSC Speed Monitor: Policy update from ETSC**

This edition includes:

- EU serious injury target to be set in 2017
- EU Commission outlines plans for safer vehicles
- Targeted safety measures needed to prevent road deaths among young drivers
- Dublin is the latest 30km/h city

<https://goo.gl/YPCJw4>

### **infoIRSST News About Research**

In this edition:

- How to choose a slip-resistant occupational footwear
- Evaluation, treatment and return to work of workers suffering from rotator cuff disorders
- Nanoparticles - to handle with care
- Asthma in the workplace - 6 fact sheets

<https://goo.gl/aBfWj4>

### **Health & Safety Times**

Latest issue available online now.

<https://goo.gl/A3bHBn>

### **Rehabilitation and return to work after cancer: Literature review**

This report from the EU-OSHA provides an overview of the relevant scientific literature, conducted to collect information on existing initiatives, policies and practices on rehabilitation and return to work after cancer and gather examples of successful interventions.

<https://goo.gl/RmLKnc>

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<https://goo.gl/c9FNJr>

### **ECHA Newsletter**

In this edition:

- Last push to raise awareness about REACH 2018
- REACH: taking action on registrations
- Sharing data - why is it so hard?
- Want to know about... read-across?
- Biocides - getting less harmful biocides on the market - the Danish way
- Improving safe use information of mixtures
- And more...

<https://goo.gl/rlwS41>

## **GUIDANCE**

### **Rollover Prevention: Heavy Goods Vehicles**

This guide briefly describes rollover risks, for the most common HGVs found on the roads, and the risks of driving with a high centre of gravity. The guide provides information about the risks for various types of vehicles, and how to eliminate the

risk of vehicle rollover by adapting driving style according to vehicle and road conditions.

<https://goo.gl/v8MjQO>

### **Seven ways to help your employees return to work after cancer**

IOSH recently published the “Return to work after cancer: occupational safety and health considerations” report to understand the implications of returning to work after cancer. Here are a few ways that IOSH have identified to help make the return easier for employees and employers.

<https://goo.gl/WJgVDz>

### **NIOSH 8 cores competencies to help protect young workers**

Statistically, the young and inexperienced are the most likely to suffer from a work-related injury. Called the NIOSH 8 Core Competencies, this framework includes eight steps that younger workers can take to help ensure their safety in any workplace.

<https://goo.gl/wPBWP7>

### **How exercise can help your mental health**

The Mental Health Foundation has released a series of publications aimed at helping people understand how to effectively manage their own mental health, including managing and reducing stress, looking after your mental health using exercise and how to manage fear and anxiety.

<https://goo.gl/Cxh97B>

### **Six ways to protect your workers from silicosis**

Silica is a potentially harmful natural substance found in all kinds of building materials. Here are six simple safety steps to mitigate the threat of silica.

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

## **RESOURCES**

### **EU-OSHA: Europe's ageing workforce visualisation tool**

The EU-OSHA has launched a visualisation tool designed to allow easy and quick access to the results of its three-year project "Safer and healthier work at any age". The multilingual visualisation tool includes five interactive dashboards, featuring graphs with facts and figures, allowing users to explore the key issues and compare country-specific and EU-wide demographics. Users can also examine the existing policies, strategies and programmes of EU Member States, and compare policy development and approaches in different European countries.

<https://goo.gl/Yu11iX>

## **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. 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/DR8iBE>

### **RR1077 - Safe storage of wood pellet and wood chip fuel**

This study confirmed that potentially dangerous atmospheres may be generated in both wood pellet and wood chip storage.

<https://goo.gl/BOiqLQ>

### **RR1079 - Access to and work on flatbed vehicles**

This report describes a multi-disciplinary, mixed-method approach to research on

the topic of access to and work on flatbed safety. It is intended that this work will help to inform industry stakeholders in developing updated guidance on safe delivery using flatbed vehicles.

<https://goo.gl/nNJTjG>

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

This report sets out to illustrate how quantitative risk assessment techniques can be used to determine the target Safety Integrity Level (SIL) for the control systems of three diverse types of fairground ride, with the intention of encouraging the use of these techniques and also to indicate the expected target SIL requirements for the control systems of these typical types of ride.

<https://goo.gl/AOZtmt>

### **RR1084 Forklift truck reverse sensor systems assessment**

Counterbalance forklift trucks (FLT) are widely used in a variety of industry sectors for material handling. Incidents involving FLT are typically vehicle/pedestrian, vehicle/vehicle, or vehicle/structure collisions. This report describes work undertaken to assess the active sensor systems (ultrasonic and radar) commonly used to reduce the risk of collisions.

<https://goo.gl/P1pgdM>

## **SAFETY BLOGS/OPINION**

### **The time has come for tougher action on farm safety.**

In light of statistics revealing farming to be Ireland's most dangerous profession, perhaps farmers should face being fined for not taking safety training.

<https://goo.gl/YgGD2g>

### **Why do businesses ignore the “health” in health and safety?**

Thoughts on the power of health and fitness and whether or not businesses should be doing more to harness this type of feeling through their own health and wellbeing programmes.

<https://goo.gl/O86Mxk>

### **Health and safety best practice for outdoor work**

A health and safety best practice guide for any employers engaging in outdoor work of any nature.

<https://goo.gl/TZZzev>

### **Stress: an ergonomist's perspective**

A stress and workplace wellbeing specialist discusses the reporting of stress, job design and why employers must assess the risks and support associated poor health.

<https://goo.gl/OeZnY1>

### **Is your organisation impacting worker health?**

Taking time out to appraise performance and future prospects makes sound business sense but how many organisations add the impact of 'what they do' to damage the health of their worker into the equation?

<https://goo.gl/FcsJGQ>

### **How to get employees and management on board with safety**

Useful tips to help safety professionals get employees and management to "buy into" the value of workplace safety.

<https://goo.gl/chc2OM>

## **CASE STUDIES**

**Case study: protecting over 200 lone workers at Serco**

In this case study, SoloProtect explain how they worked together with Serco to deliver protection to over 200 lone workers helping to deliver the COMPASS project with the UK Border Agency.

<https://goo.gl/u6uVFk>

## **STATISTICS**

Correct at 20 February; 6 people have been killed in workplace accidents since 1 January 2017.

<https://goo.gl/bRO4co>

## **SAFETY TIDBITS**

### **44% of workers say winter has negative effect on their mental wellbeing**

A recent UK-based survey reveals that over two-fifths (44%) of employees say winter has a negative effect on their mental wellbeing, half (51%) believe it adversely affects their mood and 30% state winter affects their productivity.

<https://goo.gl/HmOfdE>

## **SAFETY MYTHS**

### **Employer stopped providing funds for alcoholic drinks at Christmas party (offsite)**

Employer stopped providing funds for alcoholic drinks at Christmas night out (offsite), citing health and safety.

<https://goo.gl/WzqUQn>

### **Company told by insurers to employ a professional “Keyholding Service”**

A Company with an employee nominated as a primary intruder alarm keyholder was told by insurers that there is a legal requirement to establish a "Keyholding

Service" with a professional security company in order to comply with health and safety regulations.

<https://goo.gl/R75xPa>

### **Children banned from waiting in car at Recycling centre**

A recycling centre manager requested that children be removed from their parent's car and taken outside the centre to wait as they are not allowed on site for health and safety reasons.

<https://goo.gl/5cP96g>

## **SAFETY IN PICTURES**

### **Tractor driver to be prosecuted for carrying unsecured load**

<https://goo.gl/HXpcyS>

### **Three-wheeled tractor seized by Gardaí**

<https://goo.gl/x3KV1y>

### **Rofer fined after balancing on metal pole 90 feet up**

<https://goo.gl/fYTla0>

## **SAFETY APPS**

### **NIOSH Ladder Safety App**

The Ladder Safety App, NIOSH's first mobile application, is designed to improve extension and step ladder safety — a concern for those working in construction or any other task that requires ladder use.

<https://goo.gl/JXt68X>

## **NISO MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION 2017**

NISO will soon be sending out subscription reminders to all our members. If your organisation will be paying using a PO number, please send the PO number to [info@niso.ie](mailto:info@niso.ie) now and we will add this to your membership renewal invoice.

## **TRAINING AND EVENTS**

### **NISO Training Centre, Dublin 12**

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

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

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

[Risk Assessment](#) QQI L4 (4 day); 20-23 March

[Hand Arm Vibration Risk Assessment and Management Training](#); IOSH certificate, 2 day); 21-22 March

[Occupational First Aid Refresher](#) NISO Cert (1 day); 30 March

[Manual Handling Basic](#) NISO Cert (half day); 30 March

[Safety Representation](#) NISO Cert (2 days); 10-11 April

[Workplace Wellbeing Course](#) (1 day); 12 April

[IOSH Managing Safely](#) IOSH Certificate (4 day); 24-27 April

### **Safe Pass Training**

[Clonmel](#): 15 March; 12 April

[Cork](#): 22 March; 19 April

[Dublin](#): 3, 10, 24, 31 March Dublin: 3, 10, 24, 31 March

[Kilkenny](#): 8 March; 5 April

### **Regional Courses**

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

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

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

## **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; Radisson Blu Hotel, Co Cork.

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

Fermanagh, Tyrone]

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

## **Workplace Wellbeing Masterclass Series**

**Dundalk:** Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth; 28 March

**Athlone:** Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath; 29 March

**Cork:** Radisson Blu Hotel, Little Island, Cork; 6 April

**Sligo:** Radisson Blu Hotel, Sligo; 31 May

**Galway:** Oranmore Lodge Hotel, Oranmore, Co. Galway; Date TBC

**Further details and bookings - [click here](#)**

**National Events:**

**All Ireland Safety Quiz Final;** Saturday, 22 April 2017; 14:30hrs; Sligo.

**NISO National Annual General Meeting (AGM)** 12.00hrs; 22 April 2017; The Radisson Blu Hotel, Sligo.

[Annual NISO H&S Conference](#), Radisson Blu Hotel, Galway; 13 October

[All Ireland Safety Awards Presentation Ceremony](#), Radisson Blu Hotel, Galway; 13 October



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