



The Safety Observer



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Welcome to the November 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 3 October 2016.



NISO News

All Ireland Safety Quiz 2017

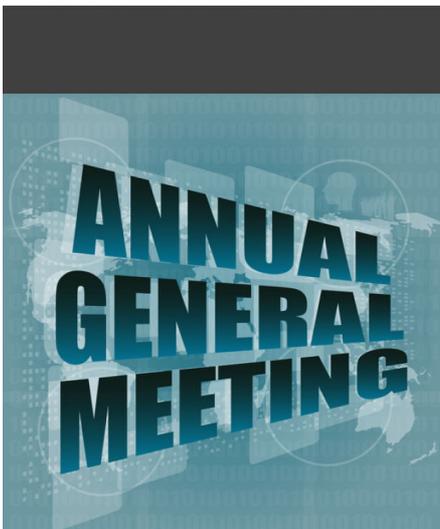
The regional heats of the NISO/NISG All Ireland Safety Quiz will be taking place from February 2017. Now is the time to get your team together and start the preparations! The quiz will be open for bookings soon - check out the quiz dates, quiz book and FAQs [here](#). Quiz dates also at end of this newsletter.

[Learn more](#)

NISO AGMs

The regional AGMs will be taking place across the country throughout December 2016 and 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](#)



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IRISH NEWS

Farming is still the most dangerous occupation

Analysis by the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) show that farmers are eight times more likely than those in the general working population to die in a workplace accident.

<https://goo.gl/sqlQF2>

Health and lifestyle risks of shift work

A recent study has found that, compared with the rest of the Irish workforce, shift workers are more likely to smoke, have higher rates of alcohol consumption and be overweight.

<https://goo.gl/klcb5f>

Tayto Park stair collapse

Nine people were taken to hospital following the collapse of the lower portion of a staircase in the House of Horrors attraction in Tayto Park in October. The Health and Safety Authority has confirmed that it won't be investigating the incident.

<https://goo.gl/VYDrmE>

No HSA action over MMA fighter death

The Health and Safety Authority (HSA) has decided the circumstances surrounding the death of MMA fighter Joao Carvalho did not breach health and safety legislation and has ceased its investigations.

<https://goo.gl/uNZAJT>

Occupational first aid in transition

The Health and Safety Authority (HSA) and the Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) are presently in the process of transitioning Occupational First Aid certification from the Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) Occupational First

Aid (OFA) learner training standard to PHECC's First Aid Response (FAR), as the recognised standard.

<https://goo.gl/smthhq>

Study examines mental distress and farming

A recent joint study among dairy farmers conducted by Teagasc, National University of Ireland Galway (NUIG) and University of Limerick (UL) indicates that on-going mental distress among farmers leads to anxiety, depression and increased expectation of accidental injury.

<https://goo.gl/DMJxrz>

750,000 penalty point offences in nine months

Figures released by the RSA show that over 750,000 penalty point offences were detected in the first nine months of the year, with speeding accounting for 75% of the total, holding a mobile phone accounted for 11% and failure to wear a seat belt - 2%.

<https://goo.gl/jw1Hg0>

Protest walkout at power station in Co. Clare

More than 50 employees at Ireland's largest power station staged a protest walkout in response to a management ban, on health and safety grounds, on all recreational walking and running at the site.

<https://goo.gl/YmkPMa>

New RSA road fatalities infographic

A new infographic released by the Road Safety Authority (RSA) shows where the 159 road deaths (correct at 4 November) occurred in 2016.

<https://goo.gl/dKrHrD>

Safety forum in the construction industry

“Safety and Health in a Recovering Construction Industry - Where to Now?” is the theme of a forum organised by the Construction Industry Safety Partnership Advisory Committee on Thursday, 24 November. Hosted by the Construction Industry Federation (CIF) at its offices in Dublin, the forum runs from 8am to 12 noon.

<https://goo.gl/LLmRW5>

“Don’t take risks on treacherous roads” - new RSA campaign

RTE reporter Teresa Mannion will front an ad campaign for the Road Safety Authority. A video of Teresa telling road users, "Don't take risks on treacherous roads," during Storm Desmond went viral worldwide last year and, as a result, she is fronting this ad campaign for the RSA.

<https://goo.gl/kd5hhG>

Waste collection company raises health and safety concerns

A waste collection company has issued a statement expressing that they may stop collecting bin bags due to health and safety concerns for its employees.

<https://goo.gl/CGqX3K>

UK NEWS

Number of workplace fatalities down in Northern Ireland

The number of workplace deaths in Northern Ireland has fallen sharply in the last year, figures show. Statistics from the Health and Safety Executive's (HSENI) latest annual report show that, in the year to March 31 this year, workplace fatalities have fallen by 48 per cent compared to the previous year.

<https://goo.gl/Mecp3N>

One dead and 22 hospitalised following brewery leak

One man in his 40s has died and another is in serious condition following an

ammonia gas leak at a brewery in the UK. Twenty two people, including 11 staff, two police officers and nine firefighters, were taken to hospital.

<https://goo.gl/AZg5oL>

Company director jailed following death of worker

A company director has been jailed for 12 months following the death of one of his workers. The deceased was killed when a remote controlled MEWP he was loading onto a truck fell from the ramps and crushed him. It was found that there was no risk assessment in place and no safe system of work had been created for the equipment.

<https://goo.gl/CWoxck>

UK manufacturing company fined £1 million following worker's death

A 48-year-old man died when a large CNC milling machine he was moving overturned and killed him. Investigators say the firm's "ad hoc approach to managing dangerous tasks" resulted in this "entirely avoidable" death.

<https://goo.gl/UFLn2N>

Ministry of Defence issued with Crown Censure over soldier's death

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has been issued with a Crown Censure by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) after a soldier died when he was shot in the neck on a training exercise. By accepting the Crown Censure, the MoD admitted breaching its duty under health and safety legislation and that they exposed their employees to risks to their health, safety and welfare.

<https://goo.gl/GjaUsF>

Stress is now the top health and safety concern

According to a survey by the Trade Union Congress (TUC) in Britain, stress is now the top health and safety concern, especially among public sector workers.

<https://goo.gl/keD1Ny>

Interactive map reveals UK's most dangerous places to work

Latest research from the Health and Safety Executive show that across the UK, 23.3 million days were lost due to work-related ill health and 4.1 million days were lost due to workplace injuries, costing the economy up to £14.3 billion a year. To show the scale of the problem, Vero Solutions has created an interactive map that reveals the regions in the UK with the most work-related deaths and injuries.

<https://goo.gl/RGat7A>

Health and Safety prosecutions treble in a year

The number of company directors and senior managers prosecuted for health and safety offences has more than trebled in a year, according to figures from the Health and Safety Executive.

<https://goo.gl/TTnC7U>

Health and safety at work statistics published for 2016

HSE UK has published its latest annual health and safety statistics for the UK.

<https://goo.gl/OmDKsN>

EUROPEAN NEWS

Safety Statistics: European Comparisons

Which country is the safest in Europe? The HSE UK has published "European Comparisons" outlining statistics on injuries at work; work-related ill health and health and safety practice across the EU.

<https://goo.gl/mViQ7h>

European Parliament pilot project on health and safety of older workers

The European Commission concluded a delegation agreement with EU-OSHA to carry out a pilot project on the health and safety of older workers. The objective of

the European Parliament was to further investigate possible ways of improving the health and safety of older people at work.

<https://goo.gl/HDE8bP>

Winners of the PRAISE awards announced

The European Transport Safety Council has announced the 2016 winners of the PRAISE awards, recognising organisations that have taken outstanding measures to improve the safety of their vehicle fleets.

<https://goo.gl/AVu0bT>

2016 Healthy Workplaces Film Award presented to “To Be a Teacher”

To Be a Teacher (Zwischen den Stühlen), directed by Jakob Schmidt of Germany, has won this year’s Healthy Workplaces Film Award. The award, supported by the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), is presented for the best film on a subject related to work at the International Leipzig Festival for Documentary and Animated Film (DOK Leipzig). The film highlights the challenging working conditions of young teachers.

<https://goo.gl/YHPKPt>

Economic impacts of good and poor OSH management under scrutiny

The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) is undertaking a large scale project entitled “Costs and benefits of occupational health and safety” to determine the economic impact of good and poor OSH management. The results of the study will be used to develop an advanced economic costing model based on national data sources.

<https://goo.gl/9NBXD6>

WORLD NEWS

Canada has challenged the EU’s chemical regulations 21 times

Canada - like the United States - takes issue with the European approach to regulation, which is described as the “precautionary principle”. The Canadian government has raised concerns over the EU’s regulations on chemicals on more than 20 occasions over the course of a decade.

<https://goo.gl/XOiXIs>

Japanese report on “Karoshi” - death from overworking

A fifth of the Japanese workforce faces the risk of death from overwork, according to a new government survey into the country’s notoriously strenuous working culture. Hundreds of deaths related to overwork – from strokes, heart attacks and suicide – are reported every year in Japan, along with a host of serious health problems, sparking lawsuits and calls to tackle the problem.

<https://goo.gl/SpF9gq>

GENERAL SAFETY NEWS

Michelin insists tyres are being changed too soon

Michelin has claimed that people are changing their tyres too soon - they have stated that tyres can work safely down to the 1.6mm legal limit. This contradicts the widely held conviction, based on extensive research, that in wet conditions, tyres with 3mm tread depth stop more quickly than on 1.6mm.

<https://goo.gl/sbnI27>

Badly worn tyres at epidemic levels on Irish roads

An analysis of tyres replaced at a number of branches of nationwide tyre retailer and car maintenance provider, Advance Pitstop, has shown that a high number of vehicles on our roads are driving on seriously dangerous or defective tyres.

<https://goo.gl/FhRfWA>

“Unnecessary deaths” caused by low spend on cycling infrastructure

Ireland is grossly underinvesting in cycling and pedestrian infrastructure which helps to save lives and reduce carbon emissions, according to a report from the UN's Environment Programme. The report argues that countries should invest at least 20 per cent of their transport budgets in walking and cycling facilities but found that Ireland spends less than 1 per cent on these facilities.

<https://goo.gl/S2zurd>

Calls to end daylight saving time

Two Irish MEPs have called for an end to the bi-annual changing of the clock, stating that "brighter evenings would lead to improved outcomes for road safety as the roads are more dangerous from the hours of 4-7pm". According to a new survey, 63% of the public are not in favour of using daylight saving time.

<https://goo.gl/7iUm8M>

FAI vow to "stamp out shocking scenes" at matches

The FAI have vowed to take action following a number of complaints regarding health and safety at club matches caused by spectators' use of flares and fireworks.

<https://goo.gl/fj5JEx>

Delivery drivers could be a safety risk approaching "Black Friday"

Exhausted delivery drivers in the UK could pose a road safety risk over the next few weeks as thousands of delivery staff are urged to work up to 20 days in a row to cope with the rush of online orders around Black Friday. Government safety inspectors have been called on to investigate the possible danger from delivery drivers who work six days a week and have been asked if they are also willing to work Sundays.

<https://goo.gl/rXdICW>

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS

Man dies in Co. Carlow farm accident

A man in his 60s has died following a farm accident in Co. Carlow. It is believed the deceased was working in a trench when the sides caved in on top of him. The Gardai and the HSA are investigating the incident.

<https://goo.gl/VkX1ga>

Farmer killed in Co. Kerry farm accident

A 43-year-old father of three has been killed in a farm accident in Co. Kerry. It is understood the man was removing a hedge cutter from a tractor when the accident happened. The Gardai and the HSA are investigating the incident.

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

Farmer's body and tractor found following search

The body of a farmer who had been reported missing was found in a river, along with a tractor, in Co. Kerry. It is suspected the tractor may have slipped into the river in a steep area of his farm. The HSA has launched an investigation.

<https://goo.gl/Hk45x9>

Man killed in Co. Longford farm accident

A man in his 60s has died in a farm accident in Co. Longford. The Gardai and HSA are investigating his death.

<https://goo.gl/JZigxg>

Fatality on Co. Tyrone farm

The Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland is investigating the death of a man in a slurry accident on a farm in Co. Tyrone.

<https://goo.gl/Ru9NCO>

Woman killed in farm accident in Co. Derry

A woman in her 70s has been killed after a suspected cow attack on a family farm

in Co. Derry.

<https://goo.gl/Mv63qo>

Two road traffic accidents involving tractors

Two recent road traffic accidents involving tractors, in Co. Kilkenny and Co. Donegal, have left several people injured and hospitalised.

<https://goo.gl/wqhFYE>

IN THE COURTS

Firefighter received €100,000 settlement

A firefighter has received a €100,000 settlement from a county council following a fatal fire in 2007.

- The firefighter's legal action claimed that he suffered post-traumatic stress and alleged that the county council failed in its duty of care.
- The jury found that the council failed to maintain "the vital communications systems" between two fire stations; there was an absence of "specific instructions" relating to Pre-Determined Attendances and the the council failed to provide "appropriate training for all fire fighting personnel" in compressed air foam system (CAFS).

<https://goo.gl/32RjdS>

Widow awarded €685k over workplace accident that killed husband

- A widow whose husband died during construction works on the Dublin Luas line extension has settled her High Court action for €685,000.
- The deceased was helping offload concrete slabs from a trailer parked on the roadway adjacent to the site compound near the Luas project.
- As he was attaching the lifting chains to the lifting eyes of the slabs, the rear wheels of a teleporter lost contact with the ground and he was struck in the shoulder and back by the teleporter forks and was killed.

- It was alleged that there was a failure to ensure the safety, health and welfare at work of the deceased.

<https://goo.gl/H2eb0l>

Gardai to be included in regulations on break times at work

- The Government is to introduce legislation removing the “blanket exclusion” of members of an Garda Síochána from EU Directives concerning working hours, the High Court has heard.
- The court was due to hear a challenge by two gardai against the exclusion of gardai, as provided for in the 1997 Working Time Act, from the EU Working Time Directive (WTD) recognising the need for rest periods during working hours as a basic right of workers in the EU.
- The case by the two gardai did not proceed after the court was told Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Mary Mitchell O’Connor, had said in a letter she will bring a Bill to Cabinet “in the next six weeks” applying the terms of the EU Working Time Directive to gardai.

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

Company fined following accident in which worker lost hand

- A man lost his hand while operating machinery at an animal feed plant in July 2015.
- Charges of failure to manage/conduct work activities to ensure the safety of employees were brought against the food manufacturers, to which the company director plead guilty.
- The judge imposed a fine €500 and made an order for €600 to cover the medical costs.

<https://goo.gl/AQ687q>

Kitchen firm facing trial after finger amputation

A kitchen manufacturing firm is facing trial on health and safety charges after a worker suffered injuries which required having a finger amputated.

The Co. Meath firm was summonsed to appear at Dublin District Court following an investigation by the Health and Safety Authority. It faces three charges under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work act in connection with an alleged incident in 2015:

- Not providing adequate guarding in operation of an Altendorf E45 sliding table saw
- Failure to ensure the workplace was safe and without risk
- Failure to provide protective devices

The case has been adjourned until February 2017 to allow the DPP's office to prepare the book of evidence.

<https://goo.gl/HiGxql>

Shop manager awarded €47,000 over knee injury

- A young woman, who was working as a shop manager when she suffered a knee injury after slipping on some water on the floor of the premises, has been awarded €47,000 damages by the High Court.
- Liability was admitted, no claim of contributory negligence was advanced and the judge's task was to assess damages.
- On the basis of guidelines on damages set down by the Court of Appeal and in the Injuries Board Book of Quantum, the judge awarded general damages of €45,000, plus agreed special damages of €2,200, making a total award of €47,200.

<https://goo.gl/IJ1RwR>

INQUESTS

Toxic gas claims lives of two brothers, inquest hears

Two brothers were overcome by fumes while working in an underground sewer in Dublin in 2015. A fireman who attempted to rescue them was also almost killed by the fumes. The inquest returned a verdict of misadventure in relation to the deaths.

<https://goo.gl/PVVbDI>

Inquest into toddler's death on Co. Cork farm

A jury returned a verdict of accidental death at the inquest into the death of a toddler in Co Cork. The 23-month-old child suffered fatal injuries when horse box dividers fell on him on his grandmother's farm. A health and safety inspector said the matter had been investigated fully by the Health and Safety Authority and there was no evidence of negligent care of the toddler. A file was sent to the DPP who recommended that there be no prosecution.

The coroner noted that "this tragic case reinforces the need for extreme vigilance at all times on farms".

<https://goo.gl/K9VTWB>

PUBLICATIONS

Managing Driving for Work: My Responsibilities

This Information sheet from the Health and Safety Authority will help you learn about employers' duties and how to implement a safe systems approach to managing driving for work.

<https://goo.gl/yJdSVD>

Guidance on the Reporting of Accidents and Dangerous Occurrences

Guidance on the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Reporting of Accidents and Dangerous Occurrences) Regulations 2016 - this guide is to assist you in understanding the requirements set out in the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Reporting of Accidents and Dangerous Occurrences) Regulations 2016 (S.I. No. 370 of 2016), which came into effect on 1 November.

<https://goo.gl/cAF89P>

Be Winter Ready - publications

A series of publications has been made available on the HSA's website to help prepare for winter and the unique hazards presented by the harsh weather.

- Winter Ready Advice on Flooding
- Winter Ready Advice on Safe Driving
- Winter Ready Advice for Farm Families
- Winter Ready Advice for Schools

<https://goo.gl/bhT5zA>

Sixth European Working Conditions Survey: 2015

In 2015, Eurofound interviewed nearly 44,000 workers in 35 countries. Its findings provide detailed information on a broad range of issues, including exposure to physical and psychosocial risks, work organisation, work-life balance and health and well-being.

<https://goo.gl/1E87HQ>

Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation & Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) eBulletin

In this edition

Registration 2018

- HSE REACH website update
- REACH 2018 - Phase Five
- Registration Resources
- New list of substances with lead registrants available
- ECHA's recent Newsletter with practical advice to registrants
- ECHA's IT tools

Regulatory activity

- Authorisations for uses of lead chromates

- Committee activity for Risk Assessment (RAC) and Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC)
- ECHA updates the list of substances potential subject to compliance checks
- ECHA looking at data-sharing practices under REACH

Consultations

- Calls for evidence on chemicals used in tattoo inks or permanent makeup
- Calls for information on six proposals to identify new substances of very high concern

Reports, Guidance and Updates

- Poison centres
- Published report on extended one-generation reproductive toxicity study design
- New specific environmental release categories Factsheet Format published
- Advice on test guideline for fish embryos acute toxicity test
- New drafts for REACH guidance updates available

<https://goo.gl/9FOpeh>

New comparative study on musculoskeletal disorders

EUROGIP publishes the results of a comparative study on the recognition of occupational musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) in 10 European countries:

Germany, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Finland, France, Italy, Sweden and Switzerland.

This study analyses the most common MSDs among workers - the carpal tunnel syndrome, tendinitis of the rotator cuff, back pain and tennis elbow – and presents comparative statistics of claims to assess the volume of MSDs supported by each of the countries and their evolution between 2007 and 2014.

<https://goo.gl/a0mj1M>

Managing Europe's ageing workforce - infographic

New infographic by EU-OSHA on managing Europe's ageing workforce.

<https://goo.gl/NYaQiF>

Safer and healthier work at any age - executive summary and information Sheet

The executive summary and information sheet are based on the report on main findings of a three-year pilot project initiated by the European Parliament and directed by the EU-OSHA on the occupational safety and health challenges posed by an ageing workforce.

<https://goo.gl/WhwMtB>

infoIRSST: News About Research

In this edition:

- Dos and don'ts of machinery safety for workers
- Choosing the right blow gun: What is a safe blow gun? How to select one? (Video guide)
- Work Gloves: New models in the selection guide. Sixteen new models have been added to the Protective Gloves Selection Guide. This interactive tool helps identify protective gloves that correspond to your needs.

<https://goo.gl/kzKO55>

RESOURCES

New HSA web resource on load securing

The HSA has set up a new web resource on load security. This web resource aims to gather in one place a range of guidance and advice about load security.

<https://goo.gl/SBrwtc>

EPA launches new portal - radon.ie

The Environmental Protection Agency has launched a new web resource, radon.ie. This web resource contains comprehensive information on radon for householders,

employers, schools, builders, housing authorities, health specialists and home buyers and sellers. Also available on this resource are radon infographics, publications, FAQs, radon control strategy, radon data, radon campaigns, national radon forum and radiation dose calculator.

<https://goo.gl/h7BljC>

HSA programme aims to make students safer on work placements

ESRI research in 2015 found that young people and new workers are at a higher risk of injury in the workplace than any other group of workers. Employers can help to mitigate that risk by encouraging schools to take on the HSA's free "Choose Safety" programme before their students attend their work placements.

<https://goo.gl/O71Lh5>

Be Winter Ready - website

Useful website from the Office of Emergency Planning, Department of Defence contains information to help prepare for the winter months under the following categories: weather; elderly; flooding; the home; health; people with disabilities; road safety; schools; farming community and business sector. This website also contains the following downloads: Online flippable Booklet, Be Winter Ready Booklet and Poster.

<https://goo.gl/Syoykk>

Risk Assessment of Pushing and Pulling (RAPP) tool

This new tool from the UK's Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is aimed at those responsible for health and safety in workplaces - employers, managers and safety representatives. This tool will help identify high-risk pushing and pulling operations and check the effectiveness of any risk-reduction measures.

<https://goo.gl/ZbRWDI>

Smart Businesses Manage Safety and Health - infographic

Good safety and health management reduces the chances of people getting killed, injured or made ill at work. Businesses have found that it also protects their future and saves money. Check out this infographic from BeSMART.ie illustrating the business benefits of managing health and safety.

<https://goo.gl/V14TGT>

Occupational H&S: a key aspect for micro and small enterprises

The overwhelming majority (92.4%) of enterprises in the EU are classed as micro enterprises. Their importance to the European economy is enormous, accounting for 67.4% of all jobs in Europe. On EU-OSHA's updated website section dedicated to micro and small enterprises, you can find new information about the challenges these enterprises face in relation to occupational safety and health (OSH) management and learn more about OIRA, the EU-OSHA online interactive tool aimed to help micro and small organisations through the risk assessment process. Employers in Ireland tend to use the interactive, online BeSMART tool.

<https://goo.gl/kWEzSk>

Health and safety in the molten metals industry

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

<https://goo.gl/ltObSm>

CODE OF PRACTICE

New code of practice to safeguard travelling for work

BSI, the Business Standards Institute, has published PAS 3001:2016 Travelling for work – Responsibilities of an organisation for health, safety and security – Code of practice (PDF download or soft copy available at £65.00). PAS 3001 offers organisations recommendations on how to develop, implement and evaluate issues

such as travel safety, health and security policy; threat and hazard identification; risk assessment; prevention strategies and incident management.

<https://goo.gl/GnF0Jy>

SAFETY BLOGS/OPINION

If we can cut road deaths, we can tackle suicide

Road deaths no longer happen every day, but suicides certainly do. In 2014, there were 459 suicides in Ireland. In 2013 there were 487. When will we tackle this crisis from as many angles as we possibly can in order to really make an impact?

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

Local MMA needs to fall in line with Ireland's new professional standards

Since the tragic death of Joao Carvalho in April, it was believed that only international promotions like BAMMA and UFC would be able to achieve the new standards put in place by IMMAA. However Drogheda's TLT Theatre hosted a landmark event for Irish MMA, becoming the first regional promotion to reach IMMAA's health and safety standards for professional bouts.

<https://goo.gl/EAySN7>

Time to put danger onto the school curriculum?

Should schools be more willing to embrace danger to give students confidence?

One UK headteacher explains why he thinks so.

<https://goo.gl/Ayjhcd>

Investing in mental health at work

Amy McDonald of Headtorch discusses why there is "so much to be gained by firms that invest in the mental health of staff".

<https://goo.gl/k06H51>

It's time to get tough, where farm safety is concerned

Richard Halleron addresses what he describes as a “softly-softly” approach to farm safety inspections and says it's now time to get tough.

<https://goo.gl/80Js9c>

Reduce risks while reversing

According to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), almost a quarter of all fatal incidents involving workplace vehicles occur during reversing. While the HSE statistics cover fatalities taking place on the working site, this may not fully take into account incidents occurring on the road or in public places. Here are some questions for employers to consider in order to improve safety when reversing vehicles.

<https://goo.gl/drlQHp>

Are theme park rides safe?

Theme park rides are considerably safer than driving, but assessing just how safe they are requires comprehensive statistics on attendance and accident rates, which are surprisingly hard to collate.

<https://goo.gl/nq57ZH>

Creating a culture of better health in construction

Occupational Physician Dr. Chris Ide looks at how health has changed in construction and which hazards we should be focusing on in the future.

<https://goo.gl/k82TB2>

CASE STUDIES

Silica in construction: changes to approved methods of roof tile cutting

New case study on silica in construction from the Health and Safety Laboratory.

<https://goo.gl/6oK7cQ>

STATISTICS

Correct at 15 November 2016: 36 people have been killed in Irish workplace accidents since January 2016.

<https://goo.gl/ejDpo4>

SAFETY TIDBITS

UK county council giving staff time off to go to yoga

Yoga is being offered to council workers due to increasing numbers of staff off sick with back pain.

<https://goo.gl/dof2Tb>

SAFETY IN VIDEOS

Occupational Health and Safety in Small Companies

The EU Commission has released a new video on Occupational Health and Safety in Small Companies. This video, launched by the EU Commission Audiovisual Services, showcases companies that have developed cost-effective and efficient health and safety management.

<https://goo.gl/R7FjF>

MCIB REPORTS

The report into a fatal incident at Broadhaven Bay, Co. May, on 11 September 2015 was published recently by the Marine Casualty Investigation Board.

<https://goo.gl/PnY1G2>

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 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 12; 25 Nov; 2, 9 & 16 Dec

Kilkenny: Springhill Court Hotel; 7 Dec

Cork: Clayton Hotel Silver Springs, Cork; 13 Dec

Clonmel: Clonmel Park Hotel, Co. Tipperary; 14 Dec

NISO Training Centre, Dublin 12

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

[Manual Handling Basic](#) (half day); 24 Nov; 8 Dec

[Occupational First Aid Re-Certification](#), NISO Cert (1 day) 2 Dec

[Health and Safety Representation](#), QQI L5 (4 day); 5-8 Dec

[Occupational First Aid](#), (QQI L5) (3 day); 7-9 Dec

[Safety Representation](#) NISO Cert (2 days); 12-13 Dec

[IOSH Working Safely](#) (1 day); 14 Dec

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

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

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; Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

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

9 March 2017; Time and Venue: TBC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Date and Venue: TBC

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

South, Waterford, Wexford]

Date and Venue: TBC

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

Fermanagh, Tyrone]

Date and Venue: TBC

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

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

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

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

15 December; 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]

Date, time and venue TBC.

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

South, Waterford, Wexford

Date, time and venue TBC.

NISO National Annual General Meeting (AGM)

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





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