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Welcome to the June 2018 edition of **The Safety Observer**, the newsletter of the National Irish Safety Organisation. The Safety Observer contains information that is current, informative and useful to subscribers. We keep you up to date on what is happening in occupational safety and health. NISO Update, the quarterly magazine, was circulated on 27 April 2018 last and the next edition for NISO members is scheduled for mid July 2018. The last edition of Safety Observer was distributed on 29 March 2018.

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NISO NEWS

55th Annual H&S Conference

The 55th Annual NISO Health and Safety Conference and Trade Exhibition will take place on Friday, 12 October in the Great Southern Killarney, Co. Kerry.

Find out more [here](#).

All Ireland Safety Awards 2018

The All Ireland Occupational Safety Awards season is here.

Late Entry Deadline: 8 June 2018

Find out more [here](#).



Watch the 54th Annual NISO Health and Safety Conference 2017 highlights courtesy of our conference sponsor, Bunzl Cleaning and Safety Supplies.

Thanks again to all the sponsors of the 54th Annual Conference - Gold Plus: Anderco, Intel Ireland; Silver Plus: The Ayrton Group; Bronze: Bollé, Bunzl Cleaning and Safety Supplies, DB Schenker, Roadbridge and Wood Group.

[Watch the 54th Annual Conference Highlights!](#)

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NISO SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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IRISH NEWS

HSA appoints new CEO

The Board of the Health and Safety Authority has announced the appointment of Dr. Sharon McGuinness as Chief Executive Designate of the Health and Safety Authority. Dr. McGuinness is scheduled to take up the position on 1 July 2018 following the retirement of Martin O'Halloran, the current CEO.

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

Health sector workers are most likely to be off due to work-related illness

A recent report has found that the health sector lost 524 days per 1,000 workers due to illness. The research from the Economic and Social Research Institute and Health and Safety Authority looked at work-related injuries and illness in sectors with persistently high risks.

<https://goo.gl/aJ9z47>

New Mine Safety Regulations launched

Minister of State for Trade, Employment, Business, EU Digital Single Market and Data Protection, Pat Breen, T.D., launched the new Mine Safety Regulations in Co. Meath last month. The Minister met with miners, management and the broader industry to officially launch the new Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Mines) Regulations 2018. The new consolidated regulations draw together the various provisions previously spread over 20 pieces of legislation, making it easier for all those involved in the sector to ensure compliance with health and safety regulations.

<https://goo.gl/fkXwLK>

UK NEWS

One in four construction workers exposed to asbestos

One in four construction workers say they have been exposed to asbestos while two-thirds do not know that it can cause cancer, according to a survey by the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH).

<https://goo.gl/KE9SXM>

International delivery company fined £2m following fatality

An international delivery company has been fined £2m following the death of an employee who was crushed at a UK-based depot.

<https://goo.gl/zwGKqP>

Sellafield facing prosecution over radiation exposure

UK nuclear plant Sellafield could face a massive fine as it faces prosecution after a worker received a huge dose of radiation in an accident at the site.

<https://goo.gl/s5EKtS>

EUROPEAN NEWS

EU Commission work to protect workers against occupational cancer

The Commission has proposed to limit workers' exposure to five cancer-causing chemicals in addition to the 21 substances that have already been limited or proposed to be limited. Estimates show that today's proposal would improve working conditions for over 1,000,000 EU workers and prevent over 22,000 cases of work-related illness.

<https://goo.gl/eajdxC>

EU-OSHA Healthy Workplaces 2018-19 Campaign Launched

The EU-OSHA has launched its Healthy Workplaces campaign for 2018-19, entitled Healthy Workplaces Manage Dangerous Substances. The focus of the new two-year campaign is raising awareness of the need to eliminate exposure to dangerous substances and to manage them where elimination is not possible.

<https://goo.gl/5Vykr5>

Good Practice Awards 2018-19

As part of the EU-OSHA Healthy Workplaces Manage Dangerous Substances Campaign, the Good Practice Awards is designed to identify and highlight the best examples of effective management in the handling and use of dangerous substances. Entries are being taken for the Irish leg of the awards until 26 September.

<https://goo.gl/v6xiBk>

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS

Man dies in workplace accident in Mullingar

A man died following a workplace accident in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. Initial reports suggest that the man died after steel fell on him as he was unloading a truck. Gardaí and the HSA are investigating the incident.

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

Man dies after farm accident in Co. Galway

A man in his late 60s has died following an accident on his farm in Co. Galway. The HSA is investigating the fatality.

<https://goo.gl/Cq2cBE>

Man killed in workplace accident in Co. Sligo

A man in his 30s was killed in a workplace accident in Sligo. The accident happened when the man was stuck by a large branch while cutting down part of a tree. The HSA is investigating the incident.

<https://goo.gl/qrppJp>

Man dies in Co. Cavan farm accident

A man in his 70s died following injuries he sustained in a farm accident in Co. Cavan. The HSA and gardaí are investigating the fatality.

<https://goo.gl/WsGN1S>

Man dies following farm accident in Co. Clare

A man in his 70s has died following an accident on a farm in Co. Clare. It is believed the man was carrying out repair work on a mini digger when he sustained crush injuries. The death is being treated as a workplace incident and a Health and Safety Authority investigator attended the scene.

<https://goo.gl/sz4NCA>

Man killed in Co. Westmeath farm accident

A man has died following injuries he sustained in a farm accident in Co. Westmeath. The HSA is investigating the circumstances surrounding the fatality and it is believed livestock were involved in the incident.

<https://goo.gl/FrakqW>

Man airlifted to hospital following workplace accident

A man has been airlifted to hospital after he was injured in a workplace accident in Co Clare. It is believed the man fell from a tractor while working at an electricity plant.

<https://goo.gl/vZDFD4>

Farmer injured in accident with beet chopper

A farmer in Co. Carlow has been injured after he was involved in an accident with a beet chopper. He was airlifted to Tallaght Hospital where his condition is described as critical but stable.

<https://goo.gl/Jzg5NE>

IN THE COURTS

Machinery manufacturer sued following fatal accident

Legal proceedings are being taken against a machinery manufacturer and a farmer as a result of a fatal accident that occurred in October 2015. The fatality occurred when the deceased was injured in an accident involving a tractor-drawn trailer which had what has been described as a “design fault”.

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

Boy receives €42,500 after cutting finger in woodwork class

A 17-year-old student who suffered a laceration to one of his fingers when it was cut by a saw during a school woodwork class has settled his High Court action against the school for €42,500. The student sustained a laceration injury and was referred to hospital where he had surgery. He has been left with scarring on the finger, was off school for a number of weeks and also required hand therapy.

<https://goo.gl/ZpzRkt>

Company fined €50k for exposing workers to asbestos

A Co. Cork company who involved its employees in the demolition of a building containing asbestos has been fined €50,000. As a result of these works being carried out in an uncontrolled manner damage was caused to the asbestos insulating board ceiling tiles, resulting in employees being exposed to asbestos fibres. The company pleaded guilty to offences before the court under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act (2005) and a regulation of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Exposure to Asbestos) Regulations (2006 and 2010).

<https://goo.gl/FXhEuC>

Pharma firm escapes conviction with charity donation

A pharmaceutical firm has been ordered to give €5,000 to charity to avoid a conviction for breaking environmental regulations at its centre of excellence in Dublin. The firm pleaded guilty today to failing to comply with conditions of an industrial emissions licence granted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

<https://goo.gl/1u5eUb>

INQUESTS

Inquest into death of champion ploughman adjourned

The inquest into the death of a 33-year-old farmer who tragically passed away as a result of an apparent farm accident had to be adjourned last week to allow for the preparation of a report. The farmer passed away after he entered a molasses tank on his home farm. The inquest into the fatality has been adjourned until a later date when more details and a HSA report will be available.

<https://goo.gl/AZdkuy>

Man killed from catastrophic head injuries sustained while at work

An inquest has found that a young father of four died from catastrophic head injuries he sustained after he was struck by a falling fuse box. The 34-year-old electrician was working at a Dublin hospital when a large fuse box fell and struck his head. The inquest has been adjourned until a later date to allow the investigations into the death to be completed.

<https://goo.gl/MD4SJD>

LEGISLATION UPDATE

Bill to make helmets mandatory on quads

New safety regulations have been proposed following the death of a farmer in a quad accident. The proposed legislation updates existing workplace health and safety legislation with an obligation to ensure "adequate protective head gear is used in the use of all terrain vehicles in the workplace" and gives the Road Safety Authority powers to "review the mandatory implementation of anti-roll bars on all terrain vehicles operating in the State".

<https://goo.gl/Tu6mHC>

SI No. 133 of 2018 - Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Mines) Regulations 2018

These Regulations set out requirements with respect to safety, health and welfare in mines, as defined in Regulation 3, and replace a range of provisions formerly applied in the Mines and Quarries Act, 1965 and in various Regulations made under that Act.

<https://goo.gl/jBWFF3>

SI No. 136 of 2018 European Union (Personal Protective Equipment) Regulations 2018

These Regulations give effect to the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and the Council personal protective equipment and give further effect to the Regulation (EC) 765/2008 setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products.

<https://goo.gl/8r3xtG>

STATISTICS

Eighteen people have been killed in workplace accidents since 1 January 2018 - Correct at 28 May 2018.

<https://goo.gl/XnWMJf>

TRAINING AND EVENTS

NISO Training Centre, Dublin 12

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

[Manual Handling Basic](#), NISO Certificate (half day); 7 & 21 June [Book now](#)

[Safety Representation](#), NISO Certificate (2 day); 11-12 June [Book now](#)

[Health and Safety Representation](#), QQI L5 (4 day); 18-21 June [Book now](#)

[VDU/DSE Assessor Training](#), NISO Certificate (1 day); 27 July [Book now](#)

[Intro to H&S for the Non Safety Specialist](#), NISO Certificate, (2 day); 1-2 August [Book now](#)

[Risk Assessment](#), QQI L5 (4 day); 27-30 August [Book now](#)

[Manual Handling Instruction](#) QQI L6 (5 day); 17, 18, 19 & 24, 25 September [Book now](#)

[Risk Assessment - Basic Concepts](#), NISO Certificate (2 day); 18-19 September [Book now](#)
[IOSH Managing Safely](#), IOSH Certificate (4 day); 27-30 August [Book now](#)
[IOSH Working Safely](#), IOSH Certificate (1 day); 5 September [Book now](#)

Safe Pass Training

[Dublin](#): 8 & 15 June; 6, 13, 20 & 27 July [Book now](#)

[Clonmel](#): 13 June; 18 July; [Book now](#)

[Cork](#): 18 June; 25 July; [Book now](#)

[Kilkenny](#): 11 July; [Book now](#)

Workplace Safety Training (Subsidised Fee - €20)

More dates to be announced

Regional Courses

[NISO Certificate in Health, Safety and Welfare at Work](#),

(13 wks/2 hrs p/wk)

[Dublin](#): [NISO Training Centre](#), Dublin 12; Commencing autumn 2018

[Limerick](#): [Limerick IT, Moylish Campus](#); Commencing autumn 2018

[Mayo](#): [GMIT Castlebar Campus](#); Commencing autumn 2018

[Waterford](#): [Waterford IT](#); Commencing autumn 2018

[Westmeath](#): [Athlone IT](#); Commencing autumn 2018

National Events:

[55th Annual NISO Conference](#), Great Southern Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry; 12 October 2018

[Trade Exhibition of H&S Productions and Services](#), Great Southern Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry; 12 October 2018

[NISO/NISO All Ireland Safety Awards](#), Great Southern Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry; 12 October 2018