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Welcome to the July 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 5 June 2018.

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- CONOR O'BRIEN, FIAB
- ROSEMARY KEOGH, IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOC.
- ERDA CAMPBELL, IRISH HEART FOUNDATION

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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

Submission to the All Ireland Safety Awards is now closed. NISO/NISG have received a record number of submissions to the 2018 Awards - we would like to wish all the organisations taking part the best of luck in the 2018 awards. Find out more [here](#).

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in becoming a sponsor of the 55th Annual NISO Health and Safety Conference in 2018? Click below for further information on the NISO Sponsorship Opportunities and to download a copy of the Sponsorship Brochure.

NISO SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



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 Ayrtton Group; Bronze: Bollé, Bunzl Cleaning and Safety Supplies, DB Schenker, Roadbridge and Wood Group.

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

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.

*Corporate members only

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IRISH NEWS

Expansion in farming blamed for increased fatalities

Expansion in farming is to blame for the upward trajectory of fatal accidents on Irish farms, according to a senior inspector with the Health and Safety Authority (HSA), who also believes that agriculture is going in the “wrong direction” in relation to fatal farm accidents.

<https://goo.gl/coJtcy>

Mart-goers adjust to new health and safety rules

Cattle buyers and sellers have adjusted to the new health and safety rules that have been introduced to the livestock marts. The new health and safety measures were introduced following a bull attack earlier this year following which a man needed to be airlifted to hospital.

<https://goo.gl/i5RYCP>

HSA launches Online Construction Safety course

The Health and Safety Authority (HSA) has launched a short, interactive on-line course titled "An Introduction to Construction Safety for Small Contractors and the Self-Employed". The course has been developed by the HSA with the support of the Construction Industry Federation (CIF), in order to provide relevant health and safety information to small construction contractors and to raise awareness of the importance of occupational safety, health and welfare in construction.

<https://goo.gl/SEPQNf>

Irish-owned international company records 10 fatalities in 2017

An Irish building materials group, which employs more than 85,000 people active across 3,600 locations, noted that three employees and seven contractors in subsidiary companies died in workplace accidents in 2017. In 2016, six people died, three of whom were employees, while in 2015 two contractors died at group subsidiaries.

<https://goo.gl/Kxu2sp>

UK NEWS

Construction's migrant workers at risk of safety abuses, says report

A third of London's migrant construction workers are working in exploitative conditions characterised by unsafe sites and a disregard for health and safety, according to a report from a labour rights pressure group.

<https://goo.gl/6Dg8tL>

EUROPEAN NEWS

Help protect workers across Europe from exposure to dangerous substances!

Find out how to get involved in EU-OSHA's Healthy Workplaces Campaign 2018-19 and help make Europe's workplaces safer, healthier and more productive. The campaign aims to make people aware of the presence of dangerous substances in many workplaces and the need to manage them effectively. A wide variety of guidance material, tools and good practice examples are available on the campaign website.

<https://goo.gl/MuSugX>

Equivalent of two passenger planes killed on EU roads every week

The weekly number of road deaths in the EU is equivalent to two typical passenger airliners crashing and killing everyone on board. A new report by the European Transport Safety Council shows that road safety progress in the European Union has stagnated for the last four years. The organisation says governments need strong political will, urgent measures and substantial investments in safe infrastructure to reduce the 500 deaths that occur on EU roads every single week.

<https://goo.gl/YsuYse>

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS

Man dies in tractor accident on Waterford farm

A man has died following an incident involving machinery on a farm in Co. Waterford. The Health and Safety Authority is carrying out an investigation into the incident.

<https://goo.gl/yDpEqh>

Man killed in Co. Mayo farm accident

A man has died following a farm accident in Co. Mayo. It is believed the man was collecting bales on a farm vehicle when the accident occurred. The Health and Safety Authority is investigating the incident.

<https://goo.gl/toKuFD>

Man killed in workplace accident at an Irish port

A man has died following injuries he sustained in a workplace accident at an Irish port. It is believed the man was involved in moving steel beams when the accident occurred. The Health and Safety Authority and the Gardaí are investigating the fatality.

<https://goo.gl/Juku7B>

INQUESTS

Cyclist died of crush injuries following collision with road sweeper

A cyclist died due to crush injuries suffered in a collision involving a road sweeper truck in Dublin, an inquest has heard. The 25-year-old cyclist was pronounced dead at the scene after the collision in November 2017.

<https://goo.gl/AmQbzg>

SAFETY ALERTS

Management of Asbestos Containing Materials on Demolition and Refurbishment Sites

The Health and Safety Authority (HSA) has issued a safety alert regarding the management of asbestos containing materials (ACM) on demolition and refurbishment sites. This Risk Alert has come about following the HSA's recent engagement with a number of sites where evidence of poor practice or lack of understanding of ACM risk management required formal enforcement action to be taken.

<https://goo.gl/dhbdjm>

LEGISLATION UPDATE

European Communities (Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (S.I. No. 197 of 2018).

<https://goo.gl/t6UsJJ>

STATISTICS

Twenty-four people have been killed in workplace accidents since 1 January 2018 - Correct at 2 July 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); 26 July [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](#)

[IOSH Managing Safely](#), IOSH Certificate (4 day); 13-16 August [Book now](#)

[Safety Representation](#), NISO Certificate (2 day); 20-21 August [Book now](#)

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

[IOSH Working Safely](#), IOSH Certificate (1 day); 5 September [Book now](#)

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

Safe Pass Training

[Dublin](#): 13, 20 & 27 July [Book now](#)

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

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

[Kilkenny](#): 8 August; [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

