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COVID-19 NEWS

Almost half of employers in breach of COVID-19 rules

It has been reported that almost half of employers inspected by the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) after the first lockdown were found to be in breach of COVID-19 guidelines. The HSA has carried out over 5,000 inspections since May 2020 and it has been reported that 47 per cent of employers inspected did not have proper measures in place to stop the virus spreading.

<http://bit.ly/3s5LnN9>

Almost 2,000 healthcare staff caught COVID-19 in 2 weeks

The Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation (INMO) has reported that almost 2,000 frontline healthcare staff have caught the virus in their workplace over a two-week period. The union is calling for stricter health and safety measures such as higher standard masks, better distancing between beds, regular testing or staff and safety reviews in each hospital.

<http://bit.ly/2ZJZWKh>

Public servants expected to travel to work in pandemic

A union representing state employees has said that some public service employers are flouting COVID-19 rules and requiring staff to attend the workplace during the Level 5 restrictions. The union has said that far too many public servants are being required to travel to work to perform roles that could and should be done remotely at the height of the pandemic, and that this behaviour is endangering the health of the employees and the national effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

<http://bit.ly/3amEr87>

COVID-19 cases in workplaces remain high

Cases of COVID-19 linked to workplaces are second only to nursing homes for their regularity according to the latest data. For the week ending February 12, 110 cases of the virus were linked to nursing homes and 70 cases linked to workplaces.

<http://bit.ly/3unUeeU>

Breakdown of COVID-19 outbreaks in workplaces

This article takes a look at COVID-19 outbreaks in workplaces during November 2020 and January 2021. New official figures also show the meat industry had the highest level of COVID-19 cases among key workplaces recorded outside the health, retail and public sector.

<http://bit.ly/2Nutf0v>

444 COVID-19 cases in food processors

Between January 11 and February 5 2021, 444 cases of COVID-19 were detected in food processing plants. These figures related to “cycle 5” of serial food processor testing. This figure is well in excess of the figures detected in each of the first four cycles, which in total amounted to 526 cases.

<http://bit.ly/3b9mysJ>

87% of meat plant inspections unannounced since May

87% of all meat plant inspections carried out by the HSA since 18 May 2020 have been unannounced according to the Minister for Agriculture. The minister also noted that his department completed 666 inspections on behalf of the HSA, including unannounced inspections in department-approved food premises.

<http://bit.ly/2No9EPA>

Study into cause of virus spread in meat plants

A pilot study on the spread of COVID-19 in meat processing plants found “inadequate ventilation” was playing a key role and that rapid testing of workers as they arrive at work should be considered. The study found that a major risk factor in meat plants involves the “re-circulation of chilled air in those working areas where meat is cut and packaged.”

<http://bit.ly/2LZBS2G>

Farmers are “sitting ducks” for COVID-19

A rural-based GP has warned that farmers are “sitting ducks” for COVID-19 infection because of the level of underlying health issues in the farming community. Concerns are also rising in the farming community about continued Department of Agriculture farm inspections with some farm leaders claiming some inspectors are breaching COVID H&S guidelines on masks and social distancing.

<http://bit.ly/2ZlsadT>

Face coverings now mandatory in financial institutions

Banks, credit unions and post offices have been added to the list of workplaces where the wearing of face coverings is mandatory to help protect staff and customers against COVID-19. The change in legislation was introduced following a campaign by a union representing staff in banks and credit unions.

<http://bit.ly/3k5zWCt>

Doctors outline mental health toll during pandemic

A new study has found that doctors working during the first wave of the pandemic saw a decline in their mental health, with some who contracted COVID-19 feeling guilty over fears they might pass it on. In the study, 48 hospital doctors who worked in Ireland from March–May 2020 were interviewed about their experiences and their own wellbeing during that time. The study concluded that doctors shoulder a double burden in events like COVID-19 by facing the same stressors as everyone else and also a greater risk of exposure and work pressures.

<http://bit.ly/2NRLq0a>

Employers advised to prepare for vaccination issues

Following reports of a small minority of staff at nursing homes refusing to get the COVID-19 vaccine, employers are being advised to prepare for how to deal

with a similar situation when the vaccine becomes more readily available. The HSA has advised that employers must explain the pros and cons of vaccination and non-vaccination when offering it to an employee but that employees do not have to accept vaccination.

<http://bit.ly/3k4L9TK>

Employers warned over working from home conditions

Insurance Ireland has warned employers that they could be exposed to legal claims if they fail to ensure that staff working from home have a safe environment. Under health and safety legislation, employers must ensure a safe workplace for their staff, including those working from home. Employers have been warned that if adequate precautions have not been taken to ensure safety it could trigger costly claims for anything from bad backs, to slips and falls and data breaches.

<http://bit.ly/3bmdroD>

IRISH NEWS

New Bullying Code of Practice released

A new Code of Practice for Employers and Employees on the Prevention and Resolution of Bullying at Work has been approved by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. The Code of Practice was produced jointly by the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC) and the Health and Safety Authority (HSA), encompassing both organisations' remit and responsibilities in this area.

<https://bit.ly/3s6WCVD>

HSA Webinar on Notifying Hazardous Mixtures to the NPIC

The Health and Safety Authority is hosting a webinar on 9 March 2021 from 10.00–11.30hrs., in collaboration with the National Poisons Information Centre (NPIC) and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), on notifying hazardous chemical mixtures to NPIC in accordance with Annex VIII of the CLP Regulation. This free webinar is an opportunity for importers and downstream users to gain insight into their legal obligations and to learn how to notify hazardous chemical mixtures to NPIC. There will also be an opportunity to participate in a live Q&A session with experts from the HSA, NPIC and DAFM.

<http://bit.ly/3bz18W3>

Limited provision of Safe Pass training

SOLAS Safe Pass Training was suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions for the second time January 2021. SOLAS has now been advised that limited resumption of Safe Pass training may take place with immediate effect to meet the needs of new workers accessing critical projects which are deemed necessary for the economic viability of the state. The delivery of Safe Pass courses and Safe Pass bookings is subject to strict criteria and will be approved on a case by case basis.

<http://bit.ly/2NszAde>

More gardaí seeking help for mental health issues

New figures show that on average, 16 gardaí were off sick from work every month during 2020 due to mental health issues. An Garda Síochána HQ said an “increasing” number of gardaí were looking for help in relation to mental health issues noting that this increase reflected a greater openness and acceptance within the organisation of mental health concerns.

<http://bit.ly/3sblfR9>

Assaults on healthcare staff in 2020

According to figures released by the Health Service Executive (HSE), there were 8,667 reported assaults on healthcare staff in 2020. Nurses experienced by far the highest amount of assaults with 4,166 assaults reported, representing over 48% of the total number. The report noted that there were 6,900 direct, physical attacks, 1,707 verbal attacks and 60 sexual assaults.

<http://bit.ly/3seC91h>

Garda assault figures for 2020 released

According to figures recently released by An Garda Síochána, 199 gardaí suffered assault injuries in 2020. Almost one in eight of the assaults took place in County Waterford. The number of assaults was significantly down from 2019 when 265 cases were recorded and 2018 when there were 223.

<http://bit.ly/3ua86to>

Facebook content moderators raise H&S concerns

Two current Facebook content moderators have recently spoken publicly about their employment conditions. The two work for a Dublin-based company which is contracted by Facebook to moderate harmful content. In a press conference

the two employees raised concerns over discriminatory behaviour, lack of mental health supports and safety concerns over requirements to work from the office during COVID-19. The Táiniste committed to write to Facebook to express their concerns.

<http://bit.ly/3k0CQbh>

Air ambulance called to 46 farm accidents in 2020

The Irish Community Rapid Response (ICRR) Air Ambulance was tasked to 46 farming accidents last year, amounting to almost one a week. The air ambulance service was tasked to 490 incidents in total during 2020, which was its first full year in operation.

<http://bit.ly/3awzRnS>

West Cork pupil wins award for farm safety device

A West Cork student has won the ABP farm safety award at the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition for his prototype which aims to prevent accidental injuries and death from farm machinery. The device aims to prevent accidents by alerting users when they are in close proximity to spinning machine parts. Statistics showing that machinery is a major cause of deaths and serious injuries on farms in recent years motivated the student to tackle the issue.

<https://bit.ly/37ib5WL>

Investigation into cause of blaze at port

The HSA, alongside forensic fire investigators, are investigating the cause of a fire that forced the suspension of shipping operations at a major Irish port. The fire occurred in a grain silo and resulted in a large plume of black smoke which could be seen up to 5km away.

<http://bit.ly/3jVwWZ4>

UK NEWS

Concerns over bosses breaking COVID safety rules

Concerns have been raised about employees forced to go into workplaces that are not COVID-compliant during lockdown in the UK. Between 6 and 14 January the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) received 2,945 complaints about safety issues. The HSE said it had scaled up its work to check and support firms during the pandemic.

<http://bbc.in/37HI3kP>

Reports of COVID positive employees going to work

Reports have been heard by the chief executive of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) of incidents in Northern Ireland involving employees turning up to work despite a positive COVID-19 test or with symptoms of the virus. There has also been reports of staff feeling pressured to come into work despite believing they could work from home or be furloughed. More than 150 clusters of the virus were reported to the HSE by the Public Health Agency.

<http://bit.ly/3k7Cgc4>

HSE refuse to close workplaces in breach of COVID-19 rules

It has been reported that the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has not shut down any workplaces that put employees at risk of COVID-19 even though there have been over 3,500 outbreaks at work since the start of the pandemic. Analysis of the HSE's enforcement database reveals there have been no COVID-19-related prohibition notices since last March. A HSE inspector commented that some HSE staff felt frustrated by government pressure to keep many workplaces open and by the failure to take into account the risks to workers' families.

<http://bit.ly/3puRvg7>

Corporate manslaughter probe into teenager's death

Police in Northern Ireland have launched a corporate manslaughter investigation into the death of Belfast teenager Noah Donohoe. The 14-year-old's body was recovered from a storm drain close to the M2 motorway in June, six days after he went missing. Investigation material has been gathered and police are working with the Health and Safety Executive and Public Prosecution Service.

<http://bit.ly/37pfTK6>

The Official HSE H&S app for SMEs

The HSE has released a bespoke mobile app, designed to help organisations understand the law, their health and safety rights and their responsibilities. The app contains three main sections: The Health and Safety Toolbox, A Guide to Managing Risk and Work-Related Stress. The app is now available as a "public beta" and can be downloaded on your Apple or Android device from the iOS or Google Play Store.

<http://bit.ly/2NAjcgA>

US NEWS

Liquid nitrogen leak kills six at US poultry plant

A leak of liquid nitrogen at a poultry plant in the US state of Georgia has killed six people. Twelve others were hospitalised following the incident. Several firefighters who were called to the scene were among those treated. In total 130 people were taken to a local church for medical evaluation following the incident. Authorities are investigating the incident.

<http://bbc.in/3rYxwrM>

Biden issues workplace H&S executive order

US president, Joe Biden, has signed an executive order that instructs OSHA to revise its COVID-19 safety recommendations. The order, which is called the “Executive Order on Protecting Health and Safety,” requires OSHA to publish the updated recommendations within a two week timeframe. There will need to be guidance that informs employers on how to maintain safety in the workplace during the pandemic and a decision on whether an emergency temporary standard on COVID-19 needs to be passed.

<http://bit.ly/2M7OZio>

WORLD NEWS

Flood kills 28 workers in illegal Morocco factory

Twenty-eight people, most of whom were female, have died after heavy rain flooded an illegal textiles basement factory in Tangiers, Morocco. The employers’ association in Morocco has said that over half of the country’s textile and leather production comes from unregulated operations, many of which fail to meet official safety standards. An inquiry has been launched into the tragedy.

<http://bit.ly/3ua9Ouz>

Ten dead following mine explosion in China

Nine miners have been found dead a day after 11 of their colleagues were rescued after two weeks trapped in a gold mine in the Shandong province in China. One miner remains missing and another died last week after falling into a coma. The miners became trapped in the mine when the entrance to the tunnel collapsed after a blast on 10 January.

<http://bbc.in/2Ni6uNp>

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS

Man killed by falling tree in Co. Roscommon

A man in his late 40s has died after he was struck by a falling tree in Co. Roscommon. An Garda Síochána attended the scene and the HSA has launched an investigation into the fatality.

<http://bit.ly/3dpw3Xq>

Man dies in workplace accident in west Clare

A man in his 30s has died in a workplace accident in Co. Clare. It is understood the man was working on a construction project at a local farm and became trapped beneath rubble after a wall collapsed. Fire and Rescue Services, the National Ambulance Service and An Garda Síochána attended the scene. The HSA is investigating the fatality.

<http://bit.ly/3s1mVfR>

Man dies in Co. Kerry farm accident

A man in his 50s has died in a farm accident in Co. Kerry. The man died after he was injured when using farm equipment to feed cattle. The HSA and an Garda Síochána have launched investigations into the incident.

<http://bit.ly/3bhO6fx>

Man killed by stag at kennels in north Cork

A 45-year-old man has been killed in an incident at kennels in north Cork. It is understood that the man went to feed a pet stag but was attacked by the animal and killed. Investigations into the incident have been launched by the HSA and An Garda Síochána.

<http://bit.ly/3qBafvY>

Four rescued after fishing boat sinks

Four fishermen were rescued after their fishing vessel sank off the Cork coast. The fishing boat, which was accompanied by a Wexford vessel, developed problems and began to take water and sank within a very short period of time. The accompanying vessel managed to rescue the four fishermen, taking them to the safety of their own vessel until the arrival of the lifeboat.

<http://bit.ly/2OEBibp>

Man airlifted to hospital after Co. Westmeath accident

A man has been airlifted to hospital following a workplace accident on a building site in Co. Westmeath. Emergency services, including fire, An Garda Síochána and air ambulance rescued were called to the scene. The HSA was notified of the incident.

<http://bit.ly/3pyyIWP>

IN THE COURTS

Plant hire firm fined €80k over workplace accident

A plant hire firm has been fined €80,000 and ordered to pay over €10,000 in costs after being convicted of failing to maintain proper safety standards when one of its employees was struck by an excavator causing him to lose one of his legs. The firm pleaded guilty at a Circuit Criminal Court hearing to failing to ensure the safety of its employees by failing to have in place an exclusion order around works that the company was carrying out at a location in Cork.

<http://bit.ly/3qMgnRZ>

Company fined €40k following workplace fatality

An Irish company has been convicted and fined €40,000 for health and safety breaches after an employee was killed in a workplace accident in 2018. The case arose following a fatal accident when an employee was staging goods at a warehouses complex. He suffered fatal injuries when a forklift involved in the staging process came in contact with him. The company pleaded guilty to charges, namely failing to identify a hazard and failing to ensure appropriate traffic rules were drawn up and followed when a forklift was moving around a work area. The judge fined the company €30,000 on the first charge and €10,000 on the second and order them to pay €3,200 costs of the Health and Safety Authority.

<http://bit.ly/3dlhH4w>

Company fined €30k following life-changing injury to employee

A Co. Mayo-based engineering services company has been fined €30,000 in the Circuit Criminal Court following a guilty plea to a breach of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005. The case arose following an incident in 2018 at a manufacturing premises in Sligo in which an employee was struck by an unsupported steel beam, which fell during a lifting operation, and resulted in

the amputation of the employee's right leg. The company pleaded guilty to failing to manage and conduct its undertaking resulting in the employee suffering a serious personal injury and to failing to provide a safe system of work.

<http://bit.ly/3pRnDus>

Woman “had to resign” after she was denied remote work

An office-based worker had no option but to resign from her job during the first COVID-19 lockdown after her employer rejected her plea to work remotely from home, according to the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC). The woman received €3,712 compensation for her unfair dismissal. The WRC found that the employer failed to implement the proposals made by the three office workers that would have eliminated the transmission of COVID-19 in the workplace. Ibec's Director of Employer Relations said that the case serves as an important reminder to employers of their obligations to adhere to health and safety legislation arising from the implications of COVID-19.

<http://bit.ly/2M1w090>

Appeals court overturns €110k award for slip on stairs

The Court of Appeal has overturned a €110,000 award to a state-owned electricity company employee who slipped and fell on stairs as he was collecting post. The High Court made the award in 2018 to the network technician who fell on a staircase while collecting post at the company's offices in Co. Louth. The employee said that he did not get specific training in the task of collecting post, a duty which he performed over a number of years, and was awarded €110,000. The Court of Appeal found that there was no evidence to entitle the trial judge to conclude there was a breach of health and safety legislation at work and overturned the award.

<http://bit.ly/2NIIXLr>

Meat factory fined after life-changing injuries to worker

A meat factory worker in Co. Waterford was left with life-changing injuries and can no longer tend to himself following a workplace accident. The 51-year-old father of three fell from a height of 5'4" in the course of his duties. As a result of the case, which was brought by the HSA, the company was convicted and fined a total of €4,900 and must pay costs of €3,300 to the injured party. The company pleaded guilty to five breaches under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 and the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act (General

Applications) Regulations 2007.

<http://bit.ly/2NfULyM>

Public servant awarded €75k after fall in car park

A woman who fractured her ankle after she slipped and fell in a car park at the offices in Co. Kildare where she worked has been awarded €75,000 damages by the High Court. The judge said that, on balance of probabilities, the employee was correct in her view that she must have slipped on leaves as she made her way to her car at about 7pm on the evening of the fall. As result of her fall, she suffered a fractured ankle which was initially treated with a below knee plaster cast and crutches, followed by a walking boot immobiliser split and continued use of crutches. She continues to experience ongoing pain. The judge considered her injuries were at the higher end of moderately severe and merited an award in damages of €75,000.

<http://bit.ly/2NIT4jn>

Garda bitten by HIV-positive prisoner awarded €15k

During a Garda compensation virtual hearing a High Court judge heard how gardaí used pepper spray in a bid to restrain a female prisoner after she clamped her teeth into the arm of a colleague and refused to let go. The garda had her open and bleeding bite wounds treated in hospital were she learned that the prisoner was HIV-positive. In awarding €18,000 damages, the judge said that while the garda's injuries and anxieties had been confined to well under six months' duration, her personal life had been affected by the incident.

<http://bit.ly/2ORLV17>

Boy gets €34k settlement for “inappropriate” first aid

A boy who broke his arm in a summer camp and only had “frozen meat” applied in first aid treatment has received almost €34,000 compensation. The judge, who said the first-aid treatment was egregiously inappropriate and inadequate, approved a compensation offer of almost €34,000 to the boy on behalf of the four defendants.

<http://bit.ly/3pOHgDK>

STATISTICS

Six people have been killed in workplace accidents since 1 January 2021 - Correct at 24 February 2021. Source: www.hsa.ie

<http://bit.ly/34bJFyp>

PUBLICATIONS

Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Occupational Safety and Health

This short article from EU-OSHA takes a look at the applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the workplace, particularly in automation of tasks and occupational safety and health.

<https://bit.ly/3awclr4>

The future of agriculture and forestry: implications for managing worker safety and health

This publication from EU-OSHA explores the OSH challenges facing the agriculture and forestry sector. It looks at new and emerging opportunities and risks, examines socio-economic issues and makes several recommendations for tackling the issues identified.

<http://bit.ly/3dnd67J>

Preventing musculoskeletal disorders in the construction sector

Given the physical nature of the work, construction workers face an increased risk of developing musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs). A new discussion paper from EU-OSHA explores this issue and looks at the importance of effective risk assessment. It also takes a look at progress being made by the work safety authority in Italy which is rolling out an incentive scheme to mechanics manual operations and update equipment, thereby reducing MSD risk factors in the sector.

<http://bit.ly/37lrTXh>

GUIDANCE

COVID-19 safety guidelines for farmers

Here are a number of steps farmers can take to help protect themselves and their family from COVID-19 this spring.

<http://bit.ly/3rYmEdp>

Driving quads on public roads - regulations

This article breaks down the Road Safety Authority's regulations on driving quads on public roads.

<http://bit.ly/3aqBTWA>

Disinfecting using fog, mist and other systems during COVID-19

Guidance from the UK's Health and Safety Executive on "Disinfecting using fog, mist and other systems during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic". This webpage includes useful information on the risks from walk-through disinfecting systems and cleaning premises using fog, mist or UV treatment.

<http://bit.ly/2OMTbVv>

Health and safety when handling fertiliser

This article by a health and safety specialist with Teagasc looks at the actions to prevent injury when handling fertiliser.

<https://bit.ly/3qADgYB>

Workplace hygiene during COVID-19

A seven-step workplace hygiene guide and checklist from IOSH. With many employees now working from, key workers and skeleton staff are still in the workplace and this guide aims to ensure that everyone is safeguarded as they work behind the scenes keeping organisations operational at this time.

<http://bit.ly/3k2Zgsw>

RESOURCES

A decade of action for healthy ageing and healthier working lives

The United Nations has proclaimed the years 2021-2030 the Decade of Healthy Ageing. EU-OSHA has a wealth of resources on its website stemming from its various initiatives in this area including its project "Safer and healthier work at any age - occupational safety and health in the context of an ageing workforce" and the 2016-17 campaign, Healthy Workplaces for All Ages.

<http://bit.ly/3qEvpJu>

Employers' initiative on domestic abuse during the COVID-19 pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has seen an increase in domestic abuse as a consequence of lockdowns and the move to home working. The Employers' initiative on domestic abuse (EIDA) has put together some advice and links to resources to help employers support employees who are or may be facing domestic abuse.

<http://bit.ly/3qC3h9N>

OiRA for Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing sectors

OiRA tools support micro and small organisations by offering a free online platform for tailored risk assessment. Accidents in the agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors are very often serious or even fatal. Proper risk assessment is an indispensable step to help protect every worker in the sector.

<http://bit.ly/37tilPo>

Accidents and Injuries in the waste management sector

OSH Wiki page on accidents and injuries in the waste management sector. Workers in the waste management sector are faced with various risks such as including manual handling, working postures, vibrations, chemical substances, biological agents, mechanical hazards and more. This OSH wiki page provides information on exposure to risks and accidents at work and shows that the waste management sector must be considered as a high-risk sector.

<http://bit.ly/3s9Bq1i>

Practical tools for more inclusive and healthier workplaces

CHRODIS PLUS is an EU initiative to strengthen the inclusiveness of workplaces and the work ability of employees with chronic conditions. As part of the project a workplace on Employment and Chronic conditions has been published which includes two separate components: a training tool for managers and a toolkit for workplaces. The Chrodix Plus Workbox on chronic diseases and employment was developed by 18 partners from 11 EU countries, and it was co-funded by the European Commission.

<http://bit.ly/3azRP9h>

COVID-19: Back to the workplace

An OSH Wiki page from EU-OSHA on “COVID-19: Back to the workplace - Adapting workplaces and protecting workers”. This guidance from EU-OSHA includes non-binding guidelines that aim to help employers to stay safe and healthy in a working environment that has changed significantly because of the COVID-19 pandemic. It includes advice on risk assessment and appropriate measures, involving workers, taking care of workers who have been ill, planning and learning for the future, staying well informed and information for sectors and occupations.

<http://bit.ly/36f3yq1>

Work-related MSDs searchable database

An easy-to-use database from EU-OSHA which features a wealth of entries with informative resources as part of the facts and figures priority area of the Healthy Workplaces campaign website. Entries can be filtered by country, sector, hazard type and more which helps to make finding the information you need very simple.

<https://bit.ly/3bgRveC>

TRAINING AND EVENTS

Training scheduled at NISO Training Centre, Dublin 12 OR Online

[DSE/VDU Risk Assessor Course](#) (ONLINE) NISO Certificate (1 day); 16 March; 6 April [Book online](#)

[Mobile Working Assessor Course](#) (ONLINE) NISO Certificate (1 day) 9 March; 13 April 2021 [Book online](#)

[Safety Representation](#) (ONLINE), NISO Certificate (2 day); 23-24 March; 27-28 April [Book online](#)

Upcoming Dates TBC

[Manual Handling Instruction](#) QQI L6 (5 day)

Regional Courses

[NISO Certificate in Health, Safety and Welfare at Work](#) (13 wks/2 hrs p/wk)
Commencing Autumn 2021

National Events

[58th Annual NISO Conference](#), Killarney, Co. Kerry; 4 November 2021

[Trade Exhibition of H&S Products and Services](#) Killarney, Co. Kerry; 4 November 2021

[30th NISO/NISG All Ireland Safety Awards Presentation](#), Killarney, Co. Kerry; 4 November 2021

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