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Welcome to the December 2021 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 22 November 2021 last and the next edition for NISO members is scheduled for January 2022. The last edition of Safety Observer was distributed on 1 November 2021.

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NISO NEWS

NISO/NISG All Ireland Safety Quiz

The NISO/NISG All Ireland Occupational Safety Quiz is back for 2022! Check out the upcoming date for the quiz heats in your region.

Find out more [HERE...](#)

31st Annual Occupational Safety Awards

The 31st Annual Occupational Safety Awards will be taking place in 2022. Email awards@niso.ie to register your interest in participating in the 2022 awards and visit safetyawards.ie for the most up-to-date awards information.

Regional AGMs

Fully paid NISO members are invited to attend NISO's regional AGMs. Find out the upcoming AGM date and venue in your region [HERE...](#)

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COVID-19 NEWS

Work Safely Protocol updated

The government updated the Work Safely Protocol on 18 November 2021 to reflect further COVID-19 restrictions that were introduced in response to a rise in COVID-19 cases.

<https://bit.ly/3g3u0rV>

Government announces return to remote working

The Taoiseach has said that people should work from home unless it is absolutely necessary to attend in person. The “phased and cautious return to the workplace” is being paused as part of a series of measures introduced to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

<https://bit.ly/3pc1WHoa>

HSA and HSE COVID-19 compliance checks

The Health and Safety Authority (HSA) has said that 81% of inspected workplaces had COVID response plans, 91% had taken COVID measures and 78% had appointed a lead worker representative. The HSA has carried out 6,192 checks between January and 8 October this year, of which 6,152 were related to COVID-19. A total of 69% of employers were found to be compliant by Health Service Executive (HSE) inspectors following 5,621 compliance checks in businesses offering indoor

dining under the new regulations.

<https://bit.ly/3cZ43IW>

What are my rights if I catch COVID-19 from a colleague?

This article, which includes links to RTE Radio 1 interviews, takes a look at workers' rights and employers' liability regarding COVID-19 illness and the workplace.

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

Employers advised to reconsider office parties

Employers have been advised to "consider options" on Christmas parties this year and to prioritise health and safety as COVID-19 case numbers remain high.

Facilitating wellbeing-related time off for employees has also been suggested by a professional association for HR professionals.

<https://bit.ly/3l5D0tL>

IRISH NEWS

"Be Winter Ready" campaign focussed on farm safety

The government has launched the "Be Winter-Ready" 2021–2022 Information Campaign. The year's "Be Winter-Ready" campaign is focussed on "Staying Safe on the Farm over Winter". This year's safety leaflet and leaflets from previous campaigns are available on the winterready.ie website.

<https://bit.ly/3d33cXF>

HSA to tackle "gig economy"

The HSA has said that it will target the gig economy as part of its Strategy Statement for 2022–2024. It added that COVID-19 was presenting fresh challenges and that it was also wary of under-reporting of injuries and incidents in the workplace.

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

Over 34,000 assaults on nurses and doctors since 2015

There have been more than 34,000 reported assaults on nurses and doctors over the past seven years according to figures from the HSE. Since 2015, 33,341 assaults on nurses and 733 assaults on doctors have been recorded, leading to calls for an urgent audit of hospital security. A nurses union has said these figures are the "tip of the iceberg" as many more assaults go unreported.

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

Farm safety video views exceed 1 million mark

A farm safety video created by students at a Co. Tipperary secondary school, #Openyoureyestofarmsafety, recently hit one million views on YouTube.

Helped by their teacher, the students put together a practical video during Transition

year to show the risks involved in farming and to encourage people to farm more safely.

<https://bit.ly/31exfZl>

Third level staff to be surveyed on bullying at work

More than 30,000 staff in third-level colleges are being surveyed on the extent and nature of bullying and cyberbullying in the workplace and other work-related experiences. This comes amid increasing anecdotal evidence that bullying among staff is prevalent in third-level institutions.

<https://bit.ly/3pgZe38>

New quad safety measures set for 2023

The Minister for Business, Employment and Retail has signed a statutory instrument to introduce new safety measures to help reduce the number of serious quad injuries and fatalities in Ireland. There will be an obligation on all quad users to undergo mandatory training and to wear appropriate PPE when using such vehicles for work purposes.

<https://bit.ly/3lava1V>

Ambulance staff working 15-hour shifts with no breaks

Ambulance staff are working up to 15 hours a day with no food breaks or rest because of constant, computer-based redeployments, the Dáil has been told. It has been reported that paramedics across Ireland are feeling ignored and frustrated with many suffering from burnout and anxiety. An independent review of the service has been called for.

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

Farmers 7 times more likely to die from heart disease

Evidence shows that Irish farmers are seven times more likely to die from cardiovascular disease, otherwise known as heart disease, compared to non-agricultural employees. It is estimated that almost 50% of farmers have high blood pressure and elevated total cholesterol.

<https://bit.ly/3d7YZlx>

Staff at Cork site raising safety concerns for years

Workers across three sites of an American multinational medical technology company in Cork have been raising safety concerns for almost three years. A fire and evacuation of one of the sites in 2020 was the final straw for staff. Six workers

from across the three sites made a protected disclosure to the HSA listing some of the major incidents and concerns, which was later sent by staff to the Tánaiste's office hoping to spark some action. A spokesperson for the multinational said that the health and safety of our employees and communities is its top priority.

<https://bit.ly/3G2h8NT>

Victims of farm fatalities are “disproportionately older”

A recent publication by the HSA has found that victims of work-related farm fatalities were disproportionately older workers. The report found that 47% of farm fatality victims between 2011 and 2020 were aged 65 or older. The report also found that almost half of all work-related fatalities in agriculture involved vehicles (93 incidents).

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

Over half of HSA inspected farms receive written advice

The HSA completed 897 inspections and investigations across the agriculture, forestry and fishing sector in 2020. This resulted in a total of 446 of those inspected receiving written advice, 32 received improvement notices and 35, prohibition notices. No fines were issued to anyone in this sector.

<https://bit.ly/3E8TFds>

Tackling racism in workplaces - review

Racial discrimination in workplace is more likely to be combated by changing recruitment and workplace practices than through training, according to the ESRI. A recent review has found that unconscious bias training can raise awareness of bias but there is little evidence that it changes behaviour. It noted that there is a risk that this kind of training can be used to “tick the box” by companies to show their pro-diversity efforts.

<https://bit.ly/3IR7DTU>

Shop workers facing “worrying” rise in verbal abuse

Retail workers have reported an increase in the level of verbal abuse they are receiving from shoppers in the busy period before Christmas, according to a trade union. The union is calling for greater respect for frontline workers and is also reminding employers to play their role in protecting shop workers by ensuring that COVID guidelines are followed. Recent data has revealed that retail workers were the cohort of workers most likely to catch COVID during the second and third waves of the pandemic.

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

Government launches ten-year road safety strategy

The government has launched its ambitious Road Safety Strategy 2021–2030. The primary aim of the strategy is to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on Irish roads by 50% over the next 10 years.

<https://bit.ly/31ZbRIH>

UK NEWS

HSE launches Working Minds campaign

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has launched the Working Minds campaign to encourage employers to promote good mental health at work. The HSE has warned that work-related stress and poor mental health risk becoming a health and safety crisis for workplaces in Britain. The Working Minds campaign is specifically targeting six million workers in small businesses. The HSE is calling for a culture change across Britain's workplaces to ensure psychological risks are treated the same as physical ones in health and safety risk management.

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

Chef sentenced after undercooked food kills one

A church harvest supper at a village pub ended in tragedy when one of the congregation was killed and 31 others suffered food poisoning after eating a shepherd's pie filled with mince that had been incorrectly prepared by a rushing chef. The chef was given a four-month jail sentence, suspended for 12 months, after admitting a charge of contravening food regulations. The landlord of the pub where the incident happened admitted three charges of contravening food regulations and was fined £9,000 and ordered to pay £1,000 court costs. His company was fined almost £3,000.

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

Firm fined £130k after worker crushed in machine

A food factory worker who suffered two broken ribs after he was crushed in a cooking machine while trying to clean a broken water jet. The Health and Safety Executive found staff had overridden safety systems to carry out the task as no safe procedure had been provided by their employers. The firm was fined €130k after it admitted breaching health and safety law.

<https://bbc.in/3xGEOv>

EUROPEAN NEWS

Fifty-two dead in Siberia coal mine tragedy

A Siberian mining region began three days of mourning after officials said 52 people died in a coal mine accident and a rescue effort ended in tragedy. Investigators have launched a series of probes into the disaster at the mine, the worst mining accident in Russia in over a decade. Officials said that the mine had filled with smoke after an apparent gas explosion. Fifty-two people were killed including six rescuers who had been part of a search operation.

<https://bit.ly/3lI8iTJ>

Conference shines spotlight on farm safety in Europe

Farm safety was under the spotlight at the final conference, hosted by the European Council of Young Farmers (CEJA) in Brussels, of the AgriSafetyNet project.

Delegates heard that in Europe, more than 500 deaths and in excess of 150,000 non-fatal accidents occur in the farming, agriculture and forestry sector each year. Many believe that these figures do not represent the true numbers of fatalities and injuries in these sectors. AgriSafetyNet is working towards creating much needed education and training for farmers on agricultural health and safety.

<https://bit.ly/3G61cKy>

Portugal makes out of hours texts illegal

Remote workers in Portugal could see a healthier work-life balance under new labour laws approved by the country's parliament. The new rules come in response to the explosion of home working as a result of COVID-19. Under the new rules, employers could face penalties for contacting workers outside of office hours. Companies will also have to help pay for expenses incurred by remote working such as higher electricity and internet bills.

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

Senegalese migrant worker documentary wins 2021 award

The winner of the 2021 Healthy Workplaces Film Award was a documentary called Yoon about a Senegalese migrant worker. Reflecting on the difficult lives of millions of migrant workers, this award winning film should get European citizens talking about safety and health and work and inspire filmmakers to make more films on this issue.

<https://bit.ly/3rrQ0DV>

Man who fell at home wins compensation for workplace accident

An incident in which a man slipped on the stairs and injured his spine while walking to his home office from his bed was deemed a “workplace accident” by a German court. The court arrived at this conclusion because it said the man “was on his way to work from his bedroom to the home office one floor below” and pointed out that this was a commute along an “insured work route”. The court said that the law was applicable for employees in “teleworking positions” who have permanent workstations set up in their homes.

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

US NEWS

US court blocks Biden’s vaccine mandate plan

A US Federal appeals court has temporarily halted the Biden administration’s vaccine requirement for business. The law would have imposed the vaccine mandate on those working for private companies with more than 100 employees. At least 27 states file lawsuits challenging the rule in several circuits. The Biden administration says it is confident that the requirement, which includes penalties of nearly €12,000 per violation, will withstand legal challenges in part because its safety rules preempt state laws.

<https://bit.ly/31dAG2R>

Inspectors launch probe into Amazon warehouse collapse

US regulators have opened an investigation into the collapse of an Amazon warehouse in Illinois after it was struck by a tornado leaving six people dead and another in hospital. Occupational Health and Safety Administration inspectors will look into whether workplace safety rules were followed and will have six months to complete the investigation.

<https://bit.ly/3m4NyzL>

WORLD NEWS

Widespread sexual harassment in Australian parliament

A high-profile inquiry into the Australian parliament’s “sexist culture” has found sexual harassment and bullying to be widespread, affecting both MPs and staff. A government-backed report found that one in three people currently working at parliament “have experienced some form of sexual harassment while working there”, including 63% of the country’s female parliamentarians. The report made 28

recommendations which included a “proactive focus on safety and wellbeing”.

<https://bit.ly/31mG5VN>

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS

Farmer dies in Co. Limerick accident

A man in his 50s has died in an incident in Co. Limerick which is understood to have involved tree cutting. Emergency services and An Garda Síochána attended the scene. The HSA was notified and is investigating the fatality.

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

Man dies in Co. Dublin workplace accident

A father of three, who was in his 30s, has died in a workplace accident in a quarry in Co. Dublin. Emergency services attended the scene but the man was pronounced dead and his body removed to the city mortuary. The HSA is investigating the fatality.

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

Young man dies after being kicked by a horse

A 23-year-old man has died after he was kicked by a horse while he was working at a stables in Co. Wexford. Emergency services were immediately called to the scene and he was transferred to hospital by rescue helicopter, where he later passed away,

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

Farmer dies after attack by cow in Co. Mayo

A 77-year-old man has died after being attacked by a newly calved cow on a farm in Co. Mayo. The man was checking on the cow when the animal charged at him. He was airlifted to hospital where he died some time later.

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

Man killed in workplace accident in Co. Louth

A man in his 50s has been killed in a workplace accident at a business premises in Co. Louth. The HSA has been notified and investigations are ongoing.

<https://bit.ly/3q1BYqv>

Man injured in workplace accident in Co. Cavan

A man in his 20s sustained serious injuries and was hospitalised following a

workplace accident at a processing facility in Co. Cavan. It appears that a malfunction occurred in welding equipment. Emergency services attended the scene and the matter has been referred to the HSA.

<https://bit.ly/3DcL1t7>

IN THE COURTS

Two companies face trial following fatalities

Two companies are to face a criminal trial next March in relation to the deaths of two stonemasons who drowned while carrying out work on a bridge in Limerick city six years ago. The two men were working from a cage-like platform which was suspended over the side of a bridge and held by a cable which was attached to a crane. The platform plunged into the river and both men, who were wearing life-jackets and harnessed into the cage, drowned. Following an investigation by An Garda Síochána and the HSA criminal prosecutions were brought against two companies that were responsible for providing the crane involved in the fatalities. It is expected that the trial could last up to two weeks.

<https://bit.ly/3IP5YOV>

Company fined €175k following quarry fatality

The HSA has described a case in which a quarry worker was fatality injured was a “stark reminder” to quarry operators about operating safely. HSA Assistant Chief Executive said that this tragic incident arose from the company not ensuring that all the necessary assessments were carried out on the quarry face in advance of works proceeding. The Circuit Court heard that an explosive was used to loosen rock on the south west face of the quarry and the employee’s death occurred approximately 20 minutes later when the rock face suddenly collapsed and buried the excavator that he had been operating at the time. The case arose following an investigation by the HSA.

<https://bit.ly/3oUz4Ve>

Former Garda awarded €150k damages

A former Garda has been awarded damages of €150,000 for an incident that caused him such psychological strain that he had to quit the force. The Garda disarmed a man pointing a loaded shotgun at him during an armed robbery, but he later suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The Garda had been awarded the Scot Medal for bravery the following year. Two other incidents contributed to his PTSD and following four years of long-term sick leave, he was medically discharged from

the force. The judge awarded €100,000 in general damages for the injuries he suffered and awarded enhanced damages of €50,000 for loss of opportunity.

<https://bit.ly/3Gd5MXL>

Council fined €75k following workplace fatality

A city and county council has been fined €75,000 following a fatal accident at a machinery yard. The accident occurred when an employee was passing through an automatic gate in the machinery yard when the gate closed on him and he sustained fatal injuries. The council pleaded guilty to three breaches of Health and Safety legislation.

<https://bit.ly/3pqD3b6>

Shop worker who witnessed murder awarded €33k

A former petrol station shop assistant who suffered post-traumatic stress disorder after witnessing a murder inside the premises in Limerick 11 years ago has been awarded €33,000 in damages. The former employee was in conversation with the murder victim, a bread delivery man, at the time of the attack. The judge ruled that her employer had acted negligently and in breach of statutory duty by failing to implement its own health and safety protocols by failing to provide the former deli assistant with a mobile panic alarm and said that her injury was aggravated by her inability to safely seek help.

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

Company fined €40k following employee drowning

A civil engineering firm was fined €40,000 in the Circuit Criminal Court following a fatal incident in Donegal in 2018 in which an employee died by drowning. The company pleaded guilty to Section 8(2)(e) contrary to Section 77(9)(a) of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005.

<https://bit.ly/3EpE5ui>

Construction company fined €25k following fatal incident

A construction company pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 8(2)(a) contrary to Section 79(9)(a) of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 in the Circuit Criminal Court and was fined a total of €25,000 plus costs of €8,900. The case arose following a fatal incident on a construction site in 2017 in which an employee of the company lost his life.

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

Port worker's €60k injury claim is thrown out

A port worker who was suing his employer for €60,000 damages for personal injuries he sustained after he slipped and bounced down four or five steps has had his case thrown out of the Circuit Civil Court. The man had tried to relieve the back pain through painkillers, physiotherapy and steroids but he eventually underwent surgery, which resulted in a significant improvement. The case was dismissed as there was no evidence of water on the stairs and the injured party had not know what had actually caused him to slip and fall.

<https://bit.ly/3EI6KRa>

Council not liable for worker's injuries following crash

A local authority is not liable in a High Court case brought by one of its workers who was injured in an accident in which a colleague also died when a passing lorry collided with roadside maintenance vehicles. The judge ruled the lorry driver, whose vehicle hit the road workers, and the owners of the truck have full liability for the accident. The decision is binding on the question of liability in seven other actions brought over the accident.

<https://bit.ly/3G3WM6X>

INQUESTS

Inquest hears fishermen's trawler sank "extremely quickly"

Two fishermen drowned after their trawler capsized and sank "extremely quickly" while they were hauling scallops on board in January of last year, an inquest has heard. Verdicts of accidental death by drowning were returned in relation to the deaths of the two men. The trawler had been extensively refurbished and was in compliance with all safety conditions and both men were wearing lifejackets. The inquest heard that the MCIB's inquiry in to the tragedy found that there were no distress calls and no flares, suggestions that the boat sank quickly with no time to call for help.

<https://bit.ly/31YVDPp>

STATISTICS

Thirty-seven people have been killed in workplace accidents since 1 January 2021 - Correct at 13 December 2021. Source: www.hsa.ie

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

SAFETY ALERTS

Wheeled loading shovels in waste recycling

The HSE UK issued this safety notice to operators of wheeled loading shovels following nine fatal vehicle-pedestrian collisions in the past four years involving wheeled load shovels in the UK. Six of these were in the waste and recycling sector while the remainder involved wood chip. The safety notice is to remind duty holders who use the machines of the need to fully assess and actively manage the risk of vehicle-pedestrian collision.

<https://bit.ly/3Eo9UDw>

PUBLICATIONS

Link between psychosocial factors and MSDs

A new literature review by EU-OSHA looks at the link between psychosocial risk factors and MSDs and discusses the importance of prevention and rehabilitation. Recommendation on good practice and successful strategies make this review relevant for workers and employers in every sector.

<https://bit.ly/3Dh56yu>

GUIDANCE

Grief in the workplace - responding to suicide guide

The Irish Congress of Trade Unions in partnership with the Irish Hospice Foundation, the HSE National Office of Suicide Prevention and Ibec has launched “Grief in the Workplace - Responding to Suicide - A Guide for Employers”. The guidance is accompanied by an E-learning course.

<https://bit.ly/3Eeh8dp>

Skip Lorry Safety Information Sheet

This guidance from the HSA will help to improve knowledge and understanding of the key steps needed to prevent injuries in the use of waste skip collection vehicles (skip lorries).

<https://bit.ly/3q1fxl1>

RESOURCES

Skip Lorry Safety Checklist and Poster

This Skip Lorry safety checklist and poster from the HSA will help to improve knowledge and understanding of the key steps needed to prevent injuries in the use of waste skip collection vehicles (skip lorries).

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

SAFETY COMMENTARY/OPINION

Bullying in Irish workplaces

This article takes a look at bullying in Irish workplaces, which academics, legal experts and those who have experienced workplace bullying say is not being taken seriously. Studies suggest that the issue is serious in Ireland with up to 9% of workers report that they have experienced workplace bullying. This article takes a look at studies into workplace bullying, mental health, legal provision and the role of the HSA.

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

LEGISLATION UPDATE

SI 610 o4 2021 Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

The regulations introduce an amendment to the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations 2007 to 2020, specifically to revise Schedule 2 to those Regulations in connection with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in line with the provisions of Directive 2019/1832, and came into effect on 21 November 2021.

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

SI No 619 of 2021 Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) (Application No. 2) Regulations 2021

The regulations amend the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations 2007 to 2021, introducing specific PPE requirements for operators of ATVs when used as part of work practices and will come into effect from 20 November 2023.

<https://bit.ly/3pX6lOO>

MCIB REPORTS

Report of an investigation into a fatal accident involving a fishing vessel in Galway

Bay by the Marine Casualty Investigation Board.

<https://bit.ly/327nr40>

TRAINING AND EVENTS

Training scheduled at NISO Training Centre, Dublin 12 OR Online

[Manual Handling Basic](#), NISO Certificate (half day); 7 & 28 February 2022; [BOOK NOW](#)

[Safety Representation](#) (ONLINE), NISO Certificate (2 day); 17-18 January 2022 [BOOK NOW](#)

[DSE-VDU Risk Assessor Course](#) (ONLINE) NISO Certificate (1 day); Dates TBC

[Mobile & Home Working Assessor Course](#) (ONLINE) NISO Certificate (1 day); Dates TBC

Regional Courses

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

Limerick (TUS - Limerick): 25 January 2021; 19:00 – 21:00hrs. **(Online)** [BOOK NOW](#)

Athlone (TUS - Athlone): 7 February 2021 19:00 – 21:00hrs. **(Online)** [BOOK NOW](#)

Dublin/Nationwide: Commencing 15 February 2021; Online; 18.30 – 20.30hrs. **(Online)** [BOOK NOW](#)

Regional AGMs

East Region: Date & Venue TBC

Midland Region: Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath; 27 January 2022

Mid West Region: Greenhills Hotel, Limerick; 20 January 2022

North East Region: Crown Plaza Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth; 17 January 2022

North West Region: Date & Venue TBC

South Region: Radisson Blu Hotel, Little Island, Cork; 18 January 2022

South East Region: Viking Hotel Waterford, Waterford City; 17 January 2022

West Region: Date & Venue TBC

Regional Safety Quiz Heats

East Region: Date & Venue TBC

Midland Region: Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly; 9 March 2022

Mid West Region: Greenhills Hotel, Limerick; 10 March 2022

North East Region: Errigal House Hotel, Cootehill, Co. Cavan; 8 March 2022

North West Region: Clayton Hotel, Clarion Road, Sligo; 10 March 2022

South Region: Radisson Blu Hotel, Little Island, Cork; 7 April 2022

South East Region: Viking Hotel Waterford, Waterford City; 21 February 2022

West Region: Oranmore Lodge Hotel, Oranmore, Co. Galway; 10 February 2022

National Events

NISO National AGM; Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore Co. Offaly; 14 May 2022

NISO/NISG All Ireland Safety Quiz Finals; Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly; 14 May 2022

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