

The Challenging Role of the Safety Representative in Today's Workplace



This seminar will examine

- The powers and functions of Safety Representatives under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005
- The use of safety committees as a method of safety consultation
- The provisions on joint Safety and Health agreements under section 24 of the 2005 Act
- The new provisions in the 2005 Act on the penalisation of employees and the appeals system to the Rights Commissioners in the Labour Relations Commission and, in turn, to the Labour Court
- What skills are required to be a good Safety Representative and how to apply these skills practically in the workplace?
- The importance of education, development & training of the Safety Representative in the Workplace

Benefits of Attending

- Opportunity to hear expert opinion on the challenging role of the Safety Representative
- Opportunity to enter the NISO Safety Representative of the Year Award 2008 in association with Nifast and Waterford Crystal
- Chance to meet like-minded Safety Representatives to discuss shared experiences, opinions and ideas

Who should attend?

Safety Representatives, Safety Managers, Safety Officers, HR Personnel or anyone with an interest in health & safety in the workplace.

Seminar Programme

- 9.30am** Opening
- 9.45am** Safety Consultation and Safety Representatives
Raymond Byrne, Barrister and Law Lecturer
- 11.00am** Tea/Coffee Break
- 11.15am** Skills of the Safety Representative
John Taylor, Consultancy Manager, Nifast (Dublin and Cork)
Dominic McSweeney, Consultant & Trainer, Nifast (Athlone)
- 12.00pm** The Education, Development & Training of the Safety Representative in the Workplace
Harry Mulhern, NISO Safety Representative of the Year 2006
- 12.45pm** Questions & Answer Session
- 1.00pm** Seminar Close

Panel of Speakers

Raymond Byrne

Raymond Byrne is a barrister and lecturer in law at Dublin City University, where he is also chair of the Graduate Diploma/MBS programme in safety and health at work. Since 2003, he has also been Director of Research at the Law Reform Commission. He is author of the upcoming Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Law in Ireland, 2nd edition (Nifast, 2008) and a founding member of the Health and Safety Lawyers Association of Ireland. He is also co-author of The Irish Legal System (4th ed, 2001) and of the Annual Review of Irish Law series.

John Taylor

John Taylor joined Nifast in 2007 as Consultancy Manager. He manages the consultancy team in our Dublin and Cork office, as well as fostering relationships with businesses in order to enhance their risk management performance. Prior to joining Nifast, John worked as a self-employed safety, health and risk management consultant. John began his career in health and safety as a safety representative in the fire service. He worked as a Risk Manager at Lincoln County Hospital and then Sheffield's Northern General Hospital trust. At present John is a committee member of the Institution of Safety and Health (IOSH) Healthcare Specialist Group and the Chair of the Irish Specialist Section.

Dominic McSweeney

Dominic joined Nifast in 2001 as an Associate Trainer and Assessor in Manual Handling; Machinery Safety; Forklift Trucks, Pallet trucks & MEWP. He has since developed this role by completing the Diploma in Safety, Health and Welfare at Work, and is now a consultant and trainer with Nifast. He is a Member of RoSPA, a registered instructor with the RTITB and is a Member of IOSH. Prior to joining Nifast, Dominic spent 25 years working in the Construction, Ship Building, Steel Industry and the Retail Trade. Dominic is the lead instructor on the Safety Representative course and facilitates the Safety Representative Network in Cork. Dominic is also a judge for the NISO Safety Representative of the Year Awards 2008.

Harry Mulhern

Harry Mulhern spent almost twenty-five years in the Defence Forces and is now a civil servant. He has completed a number of courses in Health & Safety and also edited and contributed to a booklet on safety awareness in a hospital setting. Harry first became involved in safety when he worked in Beaumont Hospital. Here he worked in a variety of departments, including Neuro Surgical and Intensive Care, and made many safety submissions to management. Nineteen of those projects were adopted and implemented. He also captained a team representing Beaumont Hospital at the NISO national safety competitions, with a number of notable wins, including his own award as NISO Safety Representative of the Year 2006. Harry has a wealth of experience as a Safety Representative.

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Seminar Details

Dublin, 19th May 2008

Location:
The Regency Hotel,
Whitehall,
Dublin 9

Cork, 26th May 2008

Location:
The Maryborough Hotel & Spa,
Maryborough Hill,
Douglas, Cork

Athlone, 9th June 2008

Location:
Hodson Bay Hotel,
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