



National Conference on Farm Safety and Health

A Joint Prevention Initiative

Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh, County Tipperary.

Wednesday 26th June 2013

Aim of the Conference

The Conference will outline key strategies to manage safety and work organisation in agriculture which is poised for expansion. Professor Stephan Van den Broucke from the Faculty of Psychology and Education at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, will give a presentation on 'Designing more effective Farm Safety programmes – Understanding what drives safe behaviours'. The Conference will also hear testimonials from farmers on the impact of injury and ill health and on how to manage health and safety on a farm.

Who should attend?

This Conference is particularly relevant to farmers, agricultural contractors, trainers and advisers and anyone with an interest in health and safety in Agriculture.

Admission:

All are welcome to attend the event. No booking is required. For further Information, contact: Ms. Mary Maher, Teagasc, Nenagh: 067-31821.

Sponsorship:

The Conference is kindly sponsored by FBD Trust.

Conference Programme

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Convenor; Donal Mullane, Teagasc Manager, Tipperary

09.45 -10.00 **Arrival and Tea/Coffee**

Session 1

Chaired by Mr Kieran O'Dowd National President, Macra na Feirme

10.00 -10.30 **Opening Address:**
Mr. Martin O'Halloran, Chief Executive - HSA.
Launch of Joint Prevention Initiative

Teagasc perspective on improving Occupational Safety and Health through Knowledge Transfer
Professor Gerry Boyle, Teagasc, Director.

10.30 – 11.00 **Keynote Lecture: "Designing more effective Farm Safety programmes – Understanding what drives safe behaviours"**
Professor Stephan Van den Broucke, Professor of Health, Psychology and Prevention, Catholic University, Louvain, Belgium.

11:00 - 11:15 Tea/Coffee Break

Session 2

Chaired by Mrs. Margaret Healy, Chair of IFA Farm Family Committee

11:15 - 11:30 **The Impact of Injury and Ill Health**
Farmer Testimonials.

11.30 – 11.45 **New Plan for Health and Safety in Agriculture**
Mr. Patrick Griffin, Senior Inspector Agriculture, HSA.

11.45-12.00 **Managing Health and Safety in an Expanding Agriculture**
Tom Ryan, Farm Buildings and Environmental Specialist and John McNamara, Health and Safety Officer Teagasc.

12.00 – 12.15. **How our Discussion Group has helped members manage Health and Safety**
- Brendan Mc Garry, Member, West Offaly, Discussion Group. Winner of EU Occupational Safety and Health Agency -Good Practice Award.

12.15 -12.45 **Farmers Health**
– Launch of Booklet on Farmer Health, sponsored by HSE, HSA, FBD & Teagasc. Dr. Aoife Osborne and Dr Noel Richardson, Centre for Men's Health, Institute of Technology, Carlow.

12.45 -1.00 **Q & A Session and close of Conference**
