



National Conference on Farm Safety and Health

'Safety behaviour change – finding the key'

Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny.

Thursday 21st August, 2014

Aim of the Conference

Farm workplace deaths have 'spiked' since 2010 while farm accidents have also increased by a third. Farm Accidents cause tragedy, pain and suffering and business loss for the farm families involved. Accordingly, health and safety management in agriculture needs to be urgently addressed to minimise loss. At this National Conference new approaches based on research and knowledge exchange will be outlined aimed at reducing the level of farm accidents and ill health.

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:

Admission is Free but a booking should be made to Teagasc Kilkenny, 056-7721153 or John.G.McNamara@teagasc.ie.

Sponsorship:

The Conference is kindly sponsored by FBD Trust.



Blood Pressure Check:
Irish Heart Foundation Nurses will be available at the Conference to provide Health information and conduct blood pressure checking.

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Convener: Mr John Moloney, Teagasc Regional Manager, Waterford/ Kilkenny.

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

Session 1 **Convener: Professor Jim Phelan, HSA Board Member**
Chairperson **Mr Eddie Downey, President, IFA**

10.00 -10.30 **Opening Address:**
Minister introduced by Mr Martin O'Halloran, Chief Executive of the Health and Safety Authority
New perspectives on improving Farm safety and health
Professor Gerry Boyle, Director, Teagasc

10.30 – 11.00 **Understanding what drives self-employed farmer as an aid to designing more effective Farm Safety programmes**
Dr. Denis O'Hora, Chartered Psychologist, School of Psychology, NUI Galway, Ireland

11.00 – 11.15 **The Impact of a Farm tragedy**
Brian and Norma Rohan, Organisers of Embrace Farm Accident Remembrance Service

11.15 – 11.30 **Coffee Break**

Session 2 **Mr. John Comer,**
Chairperson **President, ICMSA**

11.30 – 12.00 **Developing a Partnership approach for Farm Safety in the UK**
Ben Ellis, NFU Regulatory Affairs Advisor/Farm Safety Partnership (FSP) Co-ordinator and Mr. Alan Plom, FSP Board member/Chair FSP Machinery Safety Group/Vice Chair IOSH Rural Industries Group, U.K.

12.00 -12.20 **Learning from accident Investigations**
Catherina Glancy Inspector, HSA

12.20 – 12.40 **Recent Safety messages from Research**
John McNamara, Teagasc Health and Safety Officer

12.40 -01.00 **Promoting Health and Safety in Agriculture**
Ciaran Roche, Risk Manager, FBD Insurance

01.00 -01.30 **Chair: Mr. Kieran O'Dowd, President, Macra na Feirme**
Q & A Session and close of Conference

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