

Lone Worker Safety

Seminars for the
Healthcare Sector



Date:

Thursday 5th Sept
10am – 12.30pm

Friday 6th Sept
10am – 12.30pm

Venue:

Sheraton Athlone Hotel,
Gleeson Street, Athlone

Car parking at Q Car
Park, Athlone Town
Shopping Centre

Admission is free but places are limited so pre-booking is essential. Book your place and date by emailing barry_devitt@hsa.ie

Healthcare workers, such as community nurses, general practitioners and social workers, frequently provide assessment and treatment services in client's homes and other community settings. Often the provision of these services involves lone working, whereby the person works by themselves without close or direct supervision. This can present its own unique set of health and safety risks.

Learn how to identify and manage the risk from lone working by attending one of the Health and Safety Authority's FREE Lone Worker Safety seminars for the healthcare sector in September 2013. Delegates attending the seminar will have the opportunity to discuss and learn more from fellow delegates during the interactive session.

Who should attend?

The seminars are specifically aimed at managers and supervisors of healthcare workers who lone work in the community and in client's homes. Safety officers, safety representatives and others with an interest in health and safety in healthcare may also find them beneficial.

Programme outline:

10.00	Registration
10.10 – 10.50	Topic 1 - Legal requirements and risk assessment (Speaker: Anne Maria O'Connor)
10.50 – 11.30	Topic 2 - Prevention and protection in practice (Speaker: Kevin McKenna)
11.30 – 11.45	Break
11.45 – 12.15	Interactive session
12.15 – 12.30	Questions and Answers
12.30	Close

Book your free place by emailing your name and organisation to barry_devitt@hsa.ie clearly indicating your preferred date for attendance.

Speakers:

Anne Maria O'Connor is a Senior Policy Inspector with the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) and is the policy lead within the HSA with regard to the healthcare sector. Anne Maria has spent many years working in occupational health, safety and welfare within the healthcare sector prior to taking up her role with the HSA.

Kevin McKenna lectures in nursing and psychology in the Dundalk Institute of Technology and instructs in conflict, aggression and violence management within the workplace. Kevin facilitated the national working group on violence in healthcare and authored the Linking Service and Safety strategy for managing aggression and violence within the Irish health service.