

# BeSMART.ie

Free Online Safety Statement  
and Risk Assessment Tool

for Dairy Farms  
with 4+ Employees

## What is BeSMART.ie?



Safety Statement and  
Risk Assessment tool



Free to use



Completely confidential



Available online 24/7



100,000+ users and  
550+ Risk  
Assessments



Completed in 4  
simple steps

## Who is it for?



It is designed for use by dairy farmers with 4 or more employees and will support them in having an up to date safety statement and risk assessments.



Developed using the "Code of Practice for Preventing Injury and Occupational Ill Health in Agriculture" and "Farm Safety Code of Practice Risk Assessment Document". BeSMART.ie is based on IS EN IEC 31010:2019 Risk Management – Risk Assessment Techniques (NSAI).

# HSA

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Over 90 Risk  
Assessments  
Available



BeSMART.ie is a free platform available to dairy farms (4+ employees). Dairy farms are not required to develop safety statements using BeSMART.ie.

# How do I use BeSMART.ie?

## Simple 4 step process



### Registered user or guest user?

Before using BeSMART.ie decide if you want to create an account.

Registered users can:

- Save progress, complete and review Safety Statement later.
- Create custom business types.
- Manage action list online.



#### Step 1

### Select your business

Select your business type, i.e. dairy farm or create a custom business type.



#### Step 2

### Risk Assessment

Identify hazards on your dairy farm and complete relevant Risk Assessments.



#### Step 3

### Consultation and review

Consult with your Staff, Safety Representative and make necessary changes.



#### Step 4

### Download and manage

Download, personalise and sign your Safety Statement and manage your action list.



# Benefits of using BeSMART.ie



**Meet the requirement to have a Safety Statement and Risk Assessments.**



**Empower your staff to take responsibility for health and safety.**



**Reduce the likelihood of accidents at work.**



**Amend or update Risk Assessments easily.**



**Assign, manage and complete new control measures using the built-in action list.**



**Receive annual reminders and updates on changes to Risk Assessments on the BeSMART.ie platform.**



**Note: Safety Statements and Risk Assessments should be reviewed regularly or when new hazards are introduced.**



## **What are the legal responsibilities for duty holders in relation to managing occupational health and safety on dairy farms with 4 or more employees?**

The management of occupational health and safety on dairy farms is governed by several key pieces of legislation and regulations. These responsibilities are primarily outlined in the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 and relevant regulations, such as the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations 2007. The farmer is responsible, as employer, for ensuring, so far as is reasonably practicable, the safety, health, and welfare at work of his or her employees and of those directly affected by the work activities of the farm.

Every dairy farmer with four or more employees is required by law to have a written safety statement for its place of work. The safety statement is a live document that contains details about how safety, health, and welfare are managed on the farm. The safety statement will also contain the farm policies, risk assessments and the controls required to minimise the risks arising from any hazards identified.

## **What are the legal responsibilities for duty holders in relation to managing occupational health and safety on dairy farms with 3 or less employees?**

The 2005 Act allows employers (including most farmers) with three or less employees to comply with the terms of a Code of Practice as an alternative to preparing a safety statement. The Code of Practice for Agriculture includes a risk assessment document and a Safe System of Work Plan (SWWP). Alternatively, dairy farmers with three or less employees may also use BeSMART.ie should they wish to do so.

## What is a Risk Assessment, and how is it undertaken?

The aim of risk assessment is to reduce the risk of injury and illness associated with work.

Risk assessment involves a three-step process:

1. Identifying the hazards in the workplace(s) under your control.
2. Assessing the risks presented by these hazards.
3. Putting control measures in place to reduce the risk of these hazards causing harm.

The findings of the risk assessment should be documented.

Further, once a control measure has been implemented, its effectiveness should be monitored. It is essential to check that controls are working and that there are no new hazards.

## What is a Safety Statement?

A safety statement is your written commitment to managing safety and health on your farm and how you are going to do this. It should state how the employer will ensure their safety and health and state the resources necessary to maintain and review safety and health laws and standards. Risk assessments should also be included in the safety statement.

The safety statement should be formally reviewed;

- every year, or
- where there has been a significant change relating to workplace hazards, or
- when there is reason to believe that it is no longer adequate, e.g. changes to health and safety arrangements and resources, or an incident (including a near-miss incident).

The employer must ensure that the contents of the safety statement, which includes the risk assessments, is brought to the attention of all employees and others at the workplace who may be exposed to any risks covered by the safety statement. All new employees must be made aware of the safety statement when they start work. Further, if there is an amendment to the safety statement, it should be brought to the attention of all employees. The safety statement must be in a form and language that all employees understand.

## What is BeSMART.ie?

BeSMART.ie is a free online safety statement and risk assessment tool that can be completed in 4 simple steps. The HSA does not have access to the end user's information (i.e., risk Assessments and safety information). The 'Dairy Farm' business type is the latest addition to the 300+ business types available. Dairy farms are not required to develop safety statements/risk assessments using BeSMART.ie but may do so if they wish. Alternatively they may use risk assessment templates provided via other methods.

## Do I need to register an account on BeSMART.ie to create my Safety Statement?

You do not need to register an account on BeSMART.ie to create a safety statement; you can do so as a guest. However, registered users benefit from the ability to save progress, complete and review safety statements later, and manage action lists online.

## How can a Safety Statement be updated on BeSMART.ie?

Registered users can log in to BeSMART.ie to edit their risk assessments. From the management screen, they can also browse and add additional hazards to their safety statements.

## Who do I contact for further information or support?

The HSA Contact Centre is a helpdesk resource for employers, employees and members of the public. The HSA Contact Centre is the primary point of contact for our customers.

You can contact the HSA Contact Centre through any of the following means:

- LoCall: 0818 289 389 (Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm), or
- email [contactus@hsa.ie](mailto:contactus@hsa.ie)

## Further information:



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