



**Dear ICF Member**

***Re: Quarry Safety Week October 24<sup>th</sup> – October 28<sup>th</sup> 2016***

The Health and Safety Authority (HSA) and the Irish Concrete Federation (ICF) are jointly supporting *Quarry Safety Week 2016*, which will take place from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

The objective of *Quarry Safety Week 2016* is to continue to raise awareness of the key hazards which exist on a daily basis in operating quarries and to highlight some of the practices and proactive measures which can reduce the risk of accidents and injury to staff in quarries.

In order to assist ICF members to promote *Quarry Safety Week 2016*, the Federation's Health and Safety Committee has prepared safety bulletins on the following five areas which continue to pose the greatest risk to those employed in quarries:

- Isolation and Lock Out
- Mobile Plant
- Quarry Faces
- Conveyor Guarding
- Daily Walk Around Check – Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV)

A copy of the bulletins will be disseminated at upcoming ICF regional meetings throughout the country and the bulletins will be e-mailed to all of our members. ICF actively encourages our members to ensure that these bulletins are disseminated among staff at all quarry locations. In particular, we request that on each morning of *Quarry Safety Week 2016*, members ensure that a tool-box talk with staff is held on each of the above topics, using the bulletins as a training guide.

In order to support *Quarry Safety Week 2016*, HSA Inspectors will be conducting an intensive round of nationwide safety inspections throughout the week.

The safety of all employees in the quarry products industry is paramount to the industry's future sustainability and both ICF and the HSA will continue to promote the continuous improvement of safety standards and performance in the industry. We would ask you to play your own part in achieving this objective by your participation in *Quarry Safety Week 2016*.

Yours sincerely

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