



National Irish Safety Organisation

New Irish legislation and information guides June 2011 - September 2011

Road Traffic (Spray-Suppression) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 272 of 2011)

These Regulations, which were signed by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport on 8 June 2011 and came into effect on 1 September 2011, provide for the compulsory fitting of spray-suppression systems to certain motor vehicles and their trailers.

European Communities (Road Transport) (Exemptions) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 386 of 2011)

The purpose of these Regulations (S.I. 386 of 2011) is to exempt road transport vehicles engaged in certain categories of international transport activities between the State and Great Britain and Northern Ireland. These Regulations were signed by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport on 19 July 2011 and came into operation on 1 September 2011.

Road Traffic (Driving Mirrors - Additional Requirements for Heavy Goods Vehicles) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 457 of 2011)

These Regulations provide for the fitting of additional mirrors to reduce the lateral and forward blind spots on certain heavy goods vehicles registered since 1 January 2000 in the case of Class IV and V mirrors. Class VI Mirrors are required regardless of the date of first registration.

These Regulations were signed by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport on 8 September 2011 and come into effect on 1 October 2012.

The above legislation can be downloaded from the NISO website: www.niso.ie

Guides and Information

HSA Annual Report 2010

2010 saw an increase in workplace deaths from their all-time low of 43 in 2009 to 48 in 2010. 60% of these deaths occurred in the farming, logging and fishing sectors, sectors that account for about 6% of the working population. The Annual Report 2010 outlines the key achievements and activities of the Health and Safety Authority for the year.

Summary of Workplace Injury Illness and Fatality Statistics 2009-2010

The annual Summary of Statistics aims to provide information on some of the most common queries on occupational injury, illness and workplace fatalities. Data from different sources is combined to facilitate the review and monitoring of trends across a range of factors related to workplace injury and illness.

Code of Practice for Safety in Roofwork

This code of practice is issued by the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) under Section 60 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 and with the consent of the Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Innovation.

It gives practical guidance to roofing companies, clients, designers, project supervisors (design and construction stages), safety representatives, safety consultants, advisors and anyone carrying out roofwork on the requirements and prohibitions set out in the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005, the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2006 and the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations 2007.

The code of practice came into operation on 1 September 2011 and replaces the previous code which was issued in August 2005.

Work Related Stress Information Sheet for Employees

Work related stress (WRS) is stress caused by or made worse by work. This information sheet produced by the Health and Safety Authority aims to help employees understand and deal with their own stress, in order to better equip them to overcome and cope with work-related stress, where it arises.

Work Related Stress Information Sheet for Employers

Work related stress (WRS) is stress caused or made worse by work. Workplaces which have good communications, respectful relations and healthy systems of work can help people recognise and manage the type of stress which may have more than one cause; such workplaces tend to get the best results in achieving a health and productive workforce. A useful 24 page publication for employers.

Biological Monitoring Guidelines

Many workplace tasks involve using chemicals which can be harmful to health if they are not properly controlled. The employer must ensure that exposure to chemicals is either prevented or properly controlled. These guidelines published by the Health and Safety Authority are primarily aimed at employers who are managing a workplace biological monitoring programme.

Guidance on Lone Working in the Healthcare Sector

Lone working has its own unique set of risks which need to be considered by both employers and employees as part of a risk management exercise. This guidance document produced by the Health and Safety Authority provides advice on how to ensure a safe and healthy working environment for lone workers in the healthcare sector.

The above guides are available from the Health and Safety Authority website: www.hsa.ie.

Latest Statistics

The latest workplace fatality statistics as of 20 September 2011 show there were 42 fatalities so far this year compared with 48 for the whole of last year.

Irish Occupational Fatality Statistics [20 September 2011]

Employment Sector	2011	2010	2009	2008
A-Agriculture,forestry and fishing	22	29	13	22
B-Mining and quarrying	1	0	2	1
C-Manufacturing	2	2	1	6
D-Electricity; gas, steam and air conditioning supply	0	0	0	0
E-Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	2	2	0	2
F-Construction	4	6	10	15
G-Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and personal goods	1	4	2	3
H-Transportation and storage	5	3	6	3
I-Accommodation and food service activities	1	0	1	0
J-Information and communication	0	0	0	0
K-Financial and insurance activities	0	0	0	0
L-Real estate activities	0	0	0	0
M-Professional, scientific and technical activities	1	0	1	1
N-Administrative and support service activities	0	0	1	0
O-Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1	0	2	1
P-Education	0	0	2	0
Q-Human health and social work activities	1	1	1	0
R-Arts, entertainment and recreation	1	1	0	1
S-Other service activities	0	0	1	2
Total fatalities	42	48	43	57