

STAYING SAFE ON SITE - KEY FOCUS AREAS THIS AUTUMN

Safety on site depends on awareness, planning, and teamwork. Each month, we highlight specific risks and share practical guidance to help reduce incidents and strengthen safety culture. This edition looks at two critical areas: managing risks around mobile plant and machinery, and ensuring safe lifting and loading practices.

MOBILE PLANT & MACHINERY

Incident triggers such as being struck by vehicles/vehicle collisions continue to be one of the leading causes of work-related fatalities across all sectors of employment in Ireland. When sharing a workspace with mobile plant and machinery, please take precautions and ensure adequate distancing/segregation. Make sure you are visible to the operator/driver and do not approach them without receiving an acknowledgment that it is safe to do so. The HSA advises that traffic management plans need to be an integral part of construction site safety.



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LIFTING & LOADING



Safe lifting requires a high level of pre-planning, coordination and competency. At a site level, the role of the Appointed Person (AP) in lifting operations is critical for ensuring the safety, compliance, and operational efficiency. The AP is responsible for the planning, coordination, and supervision of lifting activities, playing a pivotal role in mitigating risks and upholding regulatory standards and industry best practice.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER CONSTRUCTION SAFETY CAMPAIGN

The CIF Construction Safety Campaign 2025, **Back to Basics**, takes place October 13–24, alongside European Safety Week.

Five themes will guide the two-week programme: Leadership in Safety, Critical Risks, Utilities, Falls from Height, and Developing the Next Generation.

Contractors and homebuilders are encouraged to run events that build awareness, engage teams, and strengthen a positive safety culture.



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