



National Conference on Farm Safety and Health

'Giving Farm Safety & Health Priority'

Thursday 3rd November, 2016

Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath

Aim of the Conference

Farm workplace deaths have 'spiked' since 2010 while farm accidents have also increased by a third. Farm accidents cause tragedy, pain and suffering and business loss for the farm families involved. Accordingly, health and safety management in agriculture needs to be urgently addressed to minimise loss. At this National Conference new approaches based on research and knowledge exchange will be outlined aimed at reducing the level of farm accidents and ill health.

Who should attend?

This conference is particularly relevant to farmers, agricultural contractors, trainers and advisers and anyone with an interest in health and safety in agriculture.

Admission:

Admission is free but a booking should be made to Teagasc Tullamore, 057 -9321405 or John.G.McNamara@teagasc.ie.

Sponsorship:

The conference is kindly sponsored by FBD Trust.

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Convener: Con Feighery, Teagasc Regional Manager

9:30am – 10:00am **Arrival and Tea/Coffee**

10:00am **Welcome & Introduction**
Martin O'Halloran, Chief Executive, Health and Safety Authority

10:05am **Opening Address**
Minister Pat Breen TD, Minister for Employment and Small Business

**Session 1:
Chairperson** **Richard Kennedy, Deputy President IFA**

10:20am – 10:40am **Impact of a Farm Accident on My Life and Farming**
Peter Gohery, Farmer, Co. Galway

10:40am – 11:00am **Farm Safety and Health – Past, Present and Future**
Professor James Phelan, Chairman of the Farm Safety Partnership Advisory Committee and HSA Board Member

11:00am – 11:20am **Integrating Farm Safety & Health into Knowledge Transfer**
Professor Tom Kelly, Teagasc Director of Knowledge Transfer

11:20am – 11:40am **Tea/Coffee break**

**Session 2:
Chairperson** **John Comer, President ICMSA**

11:40am – 12:00pm **Mental Health in Farming- Building Resilience
in Challenging Times**
Michael Noble, Mental Health Ireland

12:00pm – 12:20pm **Achieving Farm Health and Safety Adoption in Practice**
Dr. John McNamara, Health and Safety Specialist, Teagasc

12:20pm – 12:40pm **Working Safely at Height on Farms**
Frances McArdle, Height for Hire

12:40pm – 1:00pm **Q&A Session and close of conference**
Chair: Seán Finan, President, Macra na Feirme

Light Lunch served between 1:00 & 2:00

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