



HEALTH AND SAFETY  
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## National Conference on Health and Safety in Agriculture

Wednesday 22nd June from 9.30am -1.30pm.

Abbey Hotel, Roscommon

### Aim of the Conference

Last year, 2010 was a tragic year in the Agriculture sector when 26 deaths occurred. On average over the years about 30% of workplace deaths took place in the sector, but in 2010 this percentage increased to over 50%. In addition, an estimated 1,800 accidents causing serious injuries occur in the sector each year. Farm deaths, injuries and ill health cause pain, suffering and tragedy, and lead to economic loss which can jeopardize the livelihood of farm families.

This year's conference will address the following three themes: Changing the Culture of Health and Safety in Agriculture; enhancing the Health of Farmers and addressing Livestock Related Injuries.

### 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, Abbey Street, Roscommon (090 6626166).

### Sponsorship:

The Conference is kindly sponsored by FBD Insurance, plc.



# Conference Programme

9.30 - 10.00 **Registration – Tea/Coffee**

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**Conference Chairperson**  
Mr. John Bryan, President, IFA.

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10.00 - 10.20 **Opening Address**  
Introduced by Mr. Martin O'Halloran, Chief Executive Officer of the Health and Safety Authority.

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## CHANGING THE CULTURE

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10.20 - 10.40 **Making Progress with Health and Safety in Agriculture – Changing the Culture**  
Mr. Patrick Griffin, Senior Inspector, Health and Safety Authority.

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10.40 - 11.00 **The Role of Training in gaining Adoption of Health and Safety Standards and Practices in Farming**  
Mr. John McNamara, Health and Safety Officer / Mr. Oliver Burke, Regional Manager, Teagasc.

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## HEALTH IN FARMING

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11.00 - 11.20 **Rural Suicides and Farming – possible roles of voluntary organisations**  
Mr. Ciaran Mullooly, Lions Club of Ireland and RTE Midlands Correspondent.

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11.20 - 11.35 **A recent study of Mortality Inequalities in Ireland, implications for Farmers.**  
Dr Breda Smyth M.D., Health Service Executive West.

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11.35 - 11.50 **'Farmers have Hearts' – experience from Roscommon, National Implications**  
Ms Kate Walshe, Health Promotion Officer, Health Service Executive, West.

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11.50 - 12.05 **Economic factors affecting access to Health Care by Farmers**  
Dr Karyn Morrissey, Socio Economic Marine Research Unit, NUIG and former Teagasc Walsh Fellow.

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## TEA/COFFEE BREAK - 10 MINUTES

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12.15 - 12.30 **Livestock Safety – Recent Research of Relevance to Farmers**  
Dr Bernadette Earley, Teagasc.

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12.30 - 12.45 **Breeding for Safety**  
Dr Ross Evans, ICBF.

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12.45 - 1.10 **Launch of Livestock Safety Guidelines and DVD**  
Mr. Anthony Morahan, Health and Safety Authority  
Mr. Jim Dockery, Chair, Livestock Safety Committee, Farm Safety Partnership.

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1.10 - 1.30 **Key messages from the Conference and Open Forum**  
Chairperson Mr. Jackie Cahill, President, ICMSA with  
Mr. Kieran McEvoy, Macra na Feirme.  
Mr. John Bryan, IFA President.

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