

# National Conference on Farm Safety and Health



## Safe Farming in Challenging Times

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Friday 26th October, 2018

Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Rd,  
Mortarstown Upper, Carlow, R93 N207



### Aim of the Conference

Farming in Ireland, within the EU and across the world is identified as one of the most challenging workplaces in terms of protecting ones safety, health and welfare. While some improvement and successes can be identified the rates of fatal injury and ill-health in Ireland remain disproportionately and unacceptably high. Agriculture, a sector making up approximately 6% of our working population, frequently accounts for up to 50% of workplace deaths. The conference aims to review current approaches to safety, health and welfare in farming and help shape future actions to improve health and safety within this important sector in these challenging times.

### Who should attend?

All with an interest in the safety, health and welfare of farmers and farm families should attend, particularly those who can influence actions on the ground. Farmers, agricultural advisors, trainers, assessors, contractors, inspectors and those that shape policy.

### Admission:

Admission is free but a booking should be made with Teagasc Oakpark on (059) 9170200.

### Sponsorship:

The Conference is run in association with the Farm Safety Partnership and is kindly sponsored by FBD Trust.

This is a DAFM approved Knowledge Transfer Sheep, Beef, Dairy, and Tillage Event



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09:00 – 09:30am **Arrival and Tea/Coffee**

09:30 – 09:40am **Welcome and Introduction**  
Dr Sharon McGuinness, Chief Executive, Health and Safety Authority

09:40am **Opening Address**  
Minister of State for Trade, Employment, Business,  
EU Digital Single Market and Data Protection, Pat Breen TD

### Session 1 **Chairperson: Joe Healy, IFA President**

10:00 – 10:20am **Future trends in Irish Agriculture and Safety Challenges**  
Prof Gerry Boyle – Director of Teagasc

10:20 – 10:40am **Farm Safety across the EU and COST Action**  
Prof Peter Lundqvist, Dept. of Work Science Alnarp, Sweden

10:40 – 11:00am **Engaging Farmers in Farm Safety on the ground**  
Mr. William Shorthall, IFA National Safety Executive

11:00 to 11:30am **TEA/COFFEE**

### Session 2 **Chairperson: Pat McCormack, President of ICMSA**

11:30 – 11:50am **Research into Occupational Safety and Health in Dairy KT Groups**  
Prof Jim Kinsella, UCD

11:50 – 12:10pm **Electrical safety in farming**  
Arthur Byrne, ESB Safety Department

12:10 – 12:30pm **Road safety and farming**  
Garda Eamonn Raleigh, PSV Inspector Thurles Garda Station

12:30 – 12:50pm **Essentials of Good Farming**  
Daniel Hawthorne, FBD Young Farmer of the Year 2018

12.50 – 13.10pm **Q&A Panel Discussion**  
Denis Duggan – Chief Executive of Macra Na Feirme

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