

## Industry Safety Notice from the Health and Safety Authority

### **Fuel Distributors – Safety First**

This is a busy time of year for fuel distributors and therefore timely to remind consignors, fillers carriers and drivers to think safety first and ensure your own personal safety and the safety of others while at work.

The operation of a fuel tanker and the handling of flammable liquid is inherently hazardous, particularly when petrol is involved. It is therefore important to keep focused on doing the job safely by ensuring you have written procedures in place, that employees are adequately trained, and procedures are followed.

Temporary drivers/fillers may be unfamiliar with equipment and procedures, so it is important to ensure appropriate training and supervision is provided when employing additional staff.

Past incidents have highlighted the increased danger presented by petrol and the importance of employees being product aware. Work involving petrol, or mixed loads including petrol, presents a high risk, and switching between high and low flash point fuels can lead to inadvertent contamination which can have serious consequences.

When work demands are high it is vital to ensure health and safety is not compromised.

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