

New Years Resolutions

Every New Year we make resolutions. It feels like we're getting a new start in life. Now is a time full of hope and anticipation at what lies ahead.



However year after year, the same thing happens. Within a few weeks, it's all gone - the enthusiasm and the hope. Once again, the New Year resolution has fizzled out.

Research shows that half of the people who make good resolutions at New Year have given up on them by the end of June. It doesn't matter what their New Year resolution was -- to diet, to lose weight, to exercise, to sleep better or to work better.

A New Year's Resolution is a commitment that an individual or company makes to a project or a habit, often a lifestyle change that is generally interpreted as advantageous.

Figures published by the Health and Safety Authority on Thursday 3rd of January 2008 show that although there was a significant reduction in agriculture fatalities, 67 work-related deaths were reported in 2007 compared to 50 in 2006.

The overall increase in the figures for workplace fatalities was mainly due to an increase in the construction and fishing sectors. There were 18 deaths in the construction sector in 2007 compared to 12 in 2006 and 12 deaths in the fishing sector in 2007 compared to 2 in 2006.

Economic Sector	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
A - Agriculture, hunting and forestry	14	20	13	18	18	11
B - Fishing	3	0	3	2	2	12
C - Mining and quarrying	3	1	0	6	2	2
D - Manufacturing	7	7	3	7	4	4
E - Electricity / gas / water	1	2	0	0	0	0
F - Construction	21	20	16	23	12	18
G - Wholesale/retail trade; repair of goods	1	4	4	8	3	1
H - Hotels and restaurants	0	2	0	0	0	0
I - Transport, storage and communication	7	9	6	5	4	9
J - Financial intermediation	0	0	1	0	0	0
K - Real estate, renting, business	0	0	0	1	2	2
L - Public Admin / Defence	3	1	0	2	1	4
M - Education	0	0	1	0	0	0
N - Health / social work	0	0	1	0	1	0
O - Other community, social and personal services	1	4	2	2	1	4
Total	61	68	50	74	50	67

Let's break this trend this year, let Phoenix Safety ensure that your safety commitments for the year will not dissolve into thin air. Legally what do you need?

How can I help reduce the number of accidents & fatalities in the workplace?

The Safety, Health & Welfare Act of 2005 as well as all secondary legislation introduced by the HSA is what every company in Ireland needs to comply with. Some of the legislation and code of practices are mentioned here:

- Safety Health & Welfare at Work (Night Shift & Shift Work) Regulations
- European Communities (Protection of Workers) (Exposure to Asbestos) (Amendment) Regulations
- Safety Health & Welfare at Work (Pregnant Employees etc.) Regulations
- European Communities (Safety Advisors for the Transport of Dangerous Goods & Road & Rail) Regulations
- Safety Health & Welfare at Work (Carcinogens) Regulations
- Safety Health & Welfare at Work (Confined Spaces) Regulations
- Organisation of Working Time (Records) (Prescribed Form & Exemption) Regulations
- Safety Health & Welfare at Work (Chemical Agents) Regulations
- Code of Practice Detailing Procedures for Addressing Bullying in the Workplace
- Code of Practice on Sexual Harassment & Harassment at Work (Equality Authority Code)
- Tobacco Smoking (Prohibitions) Regulations
- Construction Regulations
- General Application Regulations
- Noise Regulations
- Vibration Regulations
- Safety Signs Regulations



Legislation, regulations, code of practices, best practice, guidelines HELP!!!

Don't panic... just call one of our team of consultants to advise and guide you to a safe and healthy workplace for 2008. Our experienced consultancy team have years of experience.

Some of our services include:

- Writing safety statements
- Providing customer consultancy retainer services
- Designing safety management programmes
- Designing and producing a safe operating procedures manual (SOP's)
- Designing a contractor control procedures manual
- Developing an employee safety booklet
- Designing a construction site safety & health plan for PSCS
- Construction site safety audits and toolbox talks
- Project risk assessment audits
- Completing accident investigation and assessments
- Designing and assessing emergency evacuation procedures
- Manual handling assessments
- Workplace ergonomic assessments

- VDU workstation assessments
- Pregnant worker assessments
- Completing hazard identification & risk assessments
- Office safety assessments (ergonomics)
- Occupational hygiene assessments (noise, air born contaminants etc)
- Preparing organisational teams for OHSAS 18001 safety standard for NSAI
- Designing a permit-to-work and lock out & tag out system
- Chemical safety assessment - storage and use
- Building fire safety assessments

