



Seminar

There but by the grace

Fatalities and Major Accidents/Incidents - Managing the Process

.....How would you cope?

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King's Hall
Conference Centre
Balmoral, Belfast

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Foreward

There were 10 fatalities and 484 reported major injuries In Northern Ireland in the period covered by HSENI's 08/09 Annual Report. The major injury figure is accepted to be more than this due to unreported incidents.

To those directly involved in such events, be they family, organisation, insurer, HSENI, legal profession, H & S professionals or colleagues these are not just statistics. They are real and traumatic events with very significant human, organisational, financial and legal implications.

The seminar will provide you with an insight into these implications to allow the delegate to effectively manage the resultant process should a major accident or fatality occur in an organisation.

The Seminar

Designed to identify the core elements of a major accident/incident, show what is involved in the process following an event and how to deal with the various elements, the seminar aims to walk attendees through the process.

It will examine the various aspects of a major accident or fatality from managing the trauma suffered by those directly involved and the HSENI investigation to the legal and insurance perspective. The Seminar will also present examples of best practice in relation to investigating and documenting a major accident or fatality.

Also featured will be a simulated Interview Under Caution; narrated by Siobhan Donnelly it will graphically show this aspect of the process in its raw format.

Who should attend.

This seminar will appeal to Directors and Managers with line responsibility for health and safety, safety officers, representatives and others tasked with accident/incident investigation.

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Programme

9.00 - 9.30 Registration

9.30 - 9.35 **GENERAL INTRODUCTION/HOUSE KEEPING**

Tom Stephenson, Balcas and NISG Chair

9.35 - 9.40 **WELCOME AND OPENING**

Neal Stone, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, BSC

9.40 - 10.25 **TRAUMA**

The effects from trauma can be wide ranging. Helen Morrison will highlight how trauma can impact on both individuals and organisations and how through Critical Incident Stress Management its effects can be ameliorated.

Helen Morrison, Counsellor, Staffcare

10.25 - 10.45 **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

10.45 - 11.30 **HSENI's ROLE**

What is HSENI's role, what happens after a serious accident or incident, how do HSENI go about the investigation, the rights of individual parties, the PSNI's role and possible outcomes following the investigation.

Louis Burns, Principal Inspector, Major Investigation Team, HSENI

11.30 - 12.00 **CORPORATE KILLING**

The Court's view and where do things stand now.

Siobhan Donnelly, Principal, SRT Donnelly & Associates

12.00 - 12.30 **THE INSURANCE PERSPECTIVE**

Accidents will happen and they will result in claims. Gary Ennis will outline key actions needed to keep Insurers "onside", what to expect from Insurers in terms of their investigation, management of your claim and how best to influence Insurers to ensure the final outcome is commensurate with your own claims settlement philosophy.

Gary Ennis, Managing Partner, Lockton Companies International

12.30 - 1.45 **Q & A followed by LUNCH**

1.45 - 3.00 **INTERVIEW UNDER CAUTION**

What's it really like? Siobhan will set the scene for this simulated interview and interject during the interview to explain the processes, why the questioning is taking the form it is and the rationale behind the format.

All the roles are played by actors.

3.00 - 4.00 **INVESTIGATION IN PRACTICE**

What is good practice, pre and post event, the role of information, instruction, supervision and training. What to do to be prepared, policies and procedures that are critical, what questions to ask when interviewing, what is needed by various parties and in general how to perform an investigation.

David Smyth, Health & Safety Manager, Northstone Materials Division & Bill McAllister, Managing Director, Safety Advice Centre

4.00 - 4.15 **Q & A and CLOSING SUMMARY**

COSTS

£100.00 per person

for NISG and British Safety Council members

£120.00 per person

for non NISG and British Safety Council members

Cost includes lunch

Multiple bookings (2 or more)

15% discount

HOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE/S

Complete the application form by clicking on the following link:-

<http://nisg.org.uk/Marchseminarbooking>

Or email info@nisg.org.uk to obtain a pdf copy application form.

Places can be cancelled up to 3 working days before event.

Any bookings not cancelled will be invoiced in full

Who are the Northern Ireland Safety Group

The Safety Group have been in the forefront of promoting Occupational Health & Safety and Accident Prevention since the 1950's.

As a member organisation Group membership ranges from some of the largest public and private sector organisations in the Province through to the SME sector.

For more information on the Group visit www.nisg.org.uk or contact the Secretary on info@nisg.org.uk



'Attendance at this seminar could contribute to IOSH members' professional development and be recorded for CPD.'

Presenter bios

Helen Morrison is a highly experienced counsellor and a Critical Incident practitioner and trainer. She has worked for Staffcare for 5 years and is currently involved in delivering Trauma training to a range of organisations throughout Northern Ireland. Helen has conducted numerous de-briefings after incidents and facilitated Reflective Space Groups with staff in particularly stressful occupations.

Louis Burns is a psychologist. He was previously Safety Manager with Guinness Northern Ireland Ltd. then Business Risk Manager with Guinness Ltd (formerly Guinness Brewing Worldwide) before joining the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland (HSENI) in 2000. As a Principal Inspector of Health and Safety in 2007 he set up and currently runs HSENI's Major Investigation Team. Louis has been involved in investigating numerous accidents which have led to prosecution.

Gary Ennis is the Managing Partner of the Belfast operation of insurance broker and risk managers Lockton Companies International. Gary has a career spanning underwriting, risk control and surveying but he finally forsook the "dark side" of working for Insurers to move to broking and on to his current role for Lockton.

David Smyth, H & S Manager, Northstone Materials Division has worked in the construction sector for over 30 years. For most of his career he has had a direct responsibility for Health & Safety and has a track record in investigating serious accidents and incidents. David is a Chartered Member of IOSH.

Siobhan Donnelly, Lawyer, SIIRSM, CMIOSH, SRT Donnelly & Associates has been practicing law for over 19 years. She was the first solicitor in Northern Ireland to obtain the NEBOSH diploma. In 2000 she set up NI's first legal practice to specialise in H & S Law. The business is unique in providing advice to directors in the immediate aftermath of serious accidents and fatalities.

Bill McAllister set up Safety Advice Centre in the early 1980's following a career in the Health & Safety sector with initially Shorts then Learfan. He is a Chartered Member of IOSH and holds an M S Sc in Health & Safety from Queens University. Bill has a wide range of experience in the SME sector in Northern Ireland.

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