



Healthy Workplaces Campaign – Working together for risk prevention

During European Week for Safety and Health at Work, the Health and Safety Authority in partnership with Retail Ireland are holding seminars in Dublin on 25th October and in Cork on 26th October. The theme, “Working together for risk prevention” will have a particular emphasis on the retail sector.

The seminars will focus on encouraging managers, workers and other stakeholders to join forces to improve safety and health. Creating a healthy and safe workplace is not solely the responsibility of management. There is a big incentive for employees to improve occupational safety and health as they are often the ones who suffer most from any failing.

The seminar will concentrate on four specific areas:

1. Manual Handling is a necessity in every retail outlet. Lifting, especially heavy loads, is a potential workplace hazard. It is essential that everyone is fully trained and understands the importance of manual handling. Slips, trips and falls are the second highest cause of reported workplace accidents. Every year hundreds of people are injured in this way and yet many premises visited by HSA Inspectors had not carried out an assessment.
2. HSA inspectors visit a wide range of workplaces every year. A risk-based approach is followed and inspectors look for evidence that the key known risks in each workplace are controlled.

A key aim is to ensure that employers understand the benefits of an effective health and safety management system, and our inspectors direct and guide employers as to how these benefits can be achieved.

3. BeSMART.ie is a free, easy to use, online tool for risk assessment and generation of safety statements. Since its launch in February 2011 feedback from registered users shows that using BeSMART.ie can save at least 90% in both the cost and time involved in undertaking risk assessments and preparing a safety statement.
4. Tailor-made advice and guidance for managers and employees on how to positively manage and support pregnant employees in your retail organisations’.





Cork Seminar

Friday 26th October

Gresham Metropole - Time: 8.30 – 11.15am

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Anyone working in retail who has responsibility for, or interest in, health and safety in their workplace.

HOW TO REGISTER

Email your contact details and the number of places you require to Amy Holmes at amy@keating.ie or telephone (01) 609 9418.

ADMISSION

FREE

SEMINAR PROGRAMME – CORK

- 8.30am: Registration and Tea/Coffee
- 9am: **Key accident triggers in the retail environment**
- 9.30am: **HSA inspection policy and process**
- 10am: **BeSMART: The free online risk assessment tool**
- 10.30am: **Managing the health and safety of pregnant employees in the retail sector**
- 11am: **Q&A**
- 11.15am: **Finish**

Places are limited.
Please register
early to avoid
disappointment.

