About the Awards

The All Ireland Occupational Safety Awards were established nationally in 1992 with 20 entries and have grown to become Ireland’s premier safety awards. The awards truly became an All Ireland affair when the Northern Ireland Safety Group (NISG) joined forces with the National Irish Safety Organisation (NISO) in 1995. To date, over one thousand, nine hundred entries have been received.

The awards offer you a showcase for the health and safety performance of your business. Winning a NISO / NISG Award demonstrates the positive and proactive culture of safety management that exists within your business.

The many entrants that participate in the Awards each year, including large numbers of repeat entrants, is testament to the quality of the process and the high regard that the awards command.

Give your organisation the distinction that it deserves by submitting an entry. Register your interest today – [www.safetyawards.ie](http://www.safetyawards.ie).

Important Dates

| Workshop - Waterford | 20 January 2015 |
| Workshop - Athlone   | 21 January 2015 |
| Workshop - Gormanstown| 28 January 2015 |
| Workshop - Cork      | 29 January 2015 |
| Workshop - Limerick  | 4 February 2015 |
| Workshop - Galway    | 5 February 2015 |
| Workshop - Belfast   | 16 February 2015 |

| Register Interest         | Up to 2 April 2015 |
| Early Bird Entry and Fee  | 2 April 2015 |
| Standard Entry and Fee    | 1 May 2015 |
| Award Ceremony: Galway    | 2 October 2015 |
Why Enter

- All Ireland Awards for organisations based on the island of Ireland;
- Most efficient and cost effective means of conducting an internal health and safety audit;
- Allows you to implement procedures based on a system of continuous improvement;
- Benchmark your performance against competitors in the same industry;
- Prestige of winning an award that is recognised throughout industry, among safety professionals and by the public;
- Winning organisations will have their organisation and award announced in numerous publications including a national paper, Health and Safety Review, Health and Safety, NISO Update, NISO’s Safety Observer, NISG publications, along with numerous newspapers that carry NISO / NISG’s news releases;
- Differentiates your business in the current economic environment;
- Increases your chances of winning contracts, tenders and new customers;
- Demonstrates a positive corporate governance;
- Provides recognition and promotes your organisation’s health and safety excellence;
- An invaluable award endorsing your health and safety management

Testimonials - What the Winners say...

Supreme Award...
Cold Chon (Galway) Ltd Chemoran is delighted to have achieved the Supreme Award during the NISO/NISG Safety Award Ceremony 2014. We have been an active participant in the Safety Awards for over 10 years and are proud that this was recognised for the work that has been achieved with such a prestigious award. The Safety Awards gave us an opportunity to audit our systems internally and we used this to actively promote continual improvement within our safety management systems.

Catherine Hession Health & Safety Officer, Cold Chon (Galway) Ltd Chemoran

President’s Award - Medium Sized Organisation...
The NISO/NISG award is a highly recognised safety award within Road Maintenance Services Ltd. RMS Ltd. are delighted to have achieved a President’s award at the ceremony in 2014. This award shows the commitment by all staff, management and contractors within our business. We will continue to use the awards system to strive for continual improvement in the safety, health and welfare of all staff within our business of road maintenance activities.

Catherine Hession Health & Safety Officer, Road Maintenance Services Ltd.

Distinction Award...
"The NISO/NISG Awards are an excellent way to measure how our Safety Management System really work, giving a good honest internal assessment. It helps provide focus for making improvements for the future, therefore making our work places safer by increasing ‘Safety Awareness’ and reducing incidents. I would encourage all companies to enter the awards to improve Safety standards"

Philip Purcell, Regional HSEQ Manager,

Regional Award – South East...
Wexford County Council entered the NISO/NISG awards for the first time in 2014 and we were pleased to win the South East Regional Award. The submission, in relation to health and safety at our county hall facility, was very worthwhile. It was positive to have the hard work of all those involved recognised and it demonstrated to senior management the significant commitment to high standards of health and safety across our organisation.

Amanda Richards, Health and Safety Officer, Wexford County Council

Bronze Award...
Sierra Support Services was delighted to receive the Bronze Award in the NISO/NISG Awards 2014, which demonstrates our ongoing dedication to achieving the highest level of safety performance across our organisation. This year was Sierra’s 11th year of being recognised at the NISO/NISG awards and we believe they are an excellent vehicle to exemplify Sierra as an industry leader in safety whilst demonstrating to all our staff that their efforts to go above and beyond are duly recognised.

Grace Kelly, SHEQ Manager, Sierra Support Services Group

Distinction Award...
Aura Sport & Leisure Management is delighted to have received a NISO award for our leisure centres again this year. We maintain the highest of standards, therefore this accolade truly reflects our attention to detail and creates a high standard to which all our centres adhere to. The award recognises Aura as one of the safest leisure facilities in Ireland and winning this award is a significant achievement for the staff. The annual award ceremony gives us the opportunity to thank our team for all their hard work in maintaining our high standards.

Siobhan Perry, Group Health and Safety Officer, Aura Sport and Leisure Management

Distinction and Joint Winner of the Occupational Health Award...
We were delighted to have been awarded the inaugural Occupational Health Award and consider it a major achievement for the Company. Entering was tough but we found the experience a very good way of helping us to improve the overall Health & Safety standards within our organisation. I’d encourage any Safety Group member who’s serious about safety to enter the Awards”.

Greg Livingstone, H & S Manager, Montupet, Belfast.

Registration of interest, information and downloads are available at SafetyAwards.ie
How to enter - www.safetyawards.ie

Our dedicated website guides you through the necessary steps of how to enter the All Ireland Occupational Safety Awards and where you can find an entry form. There are ten broad headings which must be covered and these include:

1. Statistics and Accident History
2. Health and Safety Management
3. Hazard Identification and Risk Management
5. Health and Safety Communication and Consultation
6. Pro-active Health and Safety Management
7. Health & Safety Training
8. Reactive Health and Safety Management
9. Emergency Preparedness and Response
10. Demonstration of Superior Performance in Health and Safety

Award Categories

- **Supreme Safety Award** (sponsored by Phillips 66 Ireland Ltd.).

- **Gold Awards, Silver Awards and Bronze Awards**

- **President’s Category Awards** - Large Size Organisation; Medium Size Organisation; Small Size Organisation; Construction; Chemical / Pharmaceutical; New Entrant; Overall Regional / Northern Ireland Award.

- **Consistent High Achiever Awards**

- **Business Category Awards**
  - Agricultural Produce; Chemical / Pharmaceutical; Construction; Consultants (Safety, Management, etc.); Education and Training; Electronic / Electrical Manufacturing / Assembly; Facilities Management and Services; Financial / Insurance; Food / Drink; Information Technology and Computer; Local Authority / Council; Mechanical Engineering / Manufacturing / Assembly Award; Medical Devices; Medical Services; Public Service; Retail / Wholesale; Sport / Leisure; Transport / Distribution / Storage; Transport and Vehicle Maintenance; Utilities / Telecoms; Providers; Voluntary; Social and Community; Waste Management; Manufacturing; Service.

- **New Entry Awards**
  - Large Size Organisation; Medium Size Organisation; Small Size Organisation.

- **Northern Ireland / Regional Awards**
  - Northern Ireland; East; Midlands; Mid West; North East; North West; South; South East; West.

- **Construction Awards [sponsored by the Construction Industry Federation]**
  - Building Services; Civil Engineering; Consulting Engineers; House Building; Industrial / Commercial; Insulation and Energy Conservation; Mineral Extraction / Quarrying / Concrete Product Manufacturing; Road Surfacing; Specialist Contractor; Utility Services.

- **Chemical/Pharmaceutical Awards**
  - Specialty Chemicals; Pharmaceuticals [Fill Finish]; Pharmaceuticals [Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients]; Consumer Products.

- **Distinction Awards**

Occupational Health Award and Superior Performance Award

- **Occupational Health Award** (sponsored by Health & Safety Authority (HSA) and Health & Safety Executive for Northern Ireland (HSENI)). This new award is designed for companies who demonstrate clear evidence that they manage a clear and proactively structured occupational health programme for their employees. This programme should be based on the hazard identification and risk assessments applicable within the company and may include such items as, Pre-employment medicals, Periodic medicals, Hearing, Vibration, Skin Care, Respiratory issues, General Health issues, EAP, Shift Work, Diet, Hygiene matters, etc.

- **Superior Performance Award sponsored by Anderco**
  - This new award, sponsored by Anderco, will be made to the organisations who demonstrates as much evidence as possible that they provide a safe working environment for their employees, visitors, contractors, public, neighbours, etc. Superior performance is defined as measures introduced over and above the legal requirement to do so. To be in with a chance to win this award, you must demonstrate 'Superior Performance' through evidence relating to Section 10. The winner who scores the best mark in this section of the awards will be awarded the Superior Performance Award, sponsored by Anderco, for 2015.

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NISO/NISG reserve the right to introduce new award categories or withdraw award categories should submissions not reach the minimum standard.