

## H & S TRAINING VIDEOS GO ON-LINE

RoSPA is launching a new service, which allows its popular occupational health and safety training videos to be viewed on-line without the need to buy a tape.

RoSPA E-Videos is believed to be a first for the industry as it draws together programmes from some of the best-known production companies.



Videos can be watched by staff at their own desks and have an interactive element, helping managers to check how well the messages have been understood.

Customers licensed by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents buy a number of credits that they can use to watch any of the on-line videos available.

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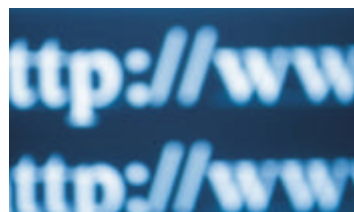
- the office,
- the construction industry,

- driver safety,
- COSHH,
- PPE
- manual handling.

Rebecca Fletcher, RoSPA Product Manager - Marketing, said: "This new service is believed to be the first of its type and is convenient, flexible and cost effective. It means each member of staff can watch a video on their own PC at work or home, at the time that is most suitable for them."

"There is an interactive quiz to check how well the knowledge has been absorbed. A management tool allows supervisors to check that the employee has watched the selected programme and see what score has been achieved."

Individual viewings can cost as little as £25.



Organisations interested in a seven-day free trial should contact e-videos@rospa.com or ring 0870 777 2227.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**EVENT:** Spring H & S Conference  
**DATE:** 25th May 2005  
**TIME:** Registration 9.30—10 a.m.  
**VENUE:** Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen.  
**THEME:** Excellence in Workplace Health and Safety

**EVENT:** NISG "Out" Meeting  
**DATE:** 20th June 2005  
**TIME:** 1.00 for 1.15 P.M.  
**VENUE:** BELFAST ZOO

**EVENT:** NISG Meeting  
**DATE:** 19th September 2005  
**TIME:** 2.15 for 2.30 p.m.  
**VENUE:** BHB Fire & Specialist Training Centre  
**THEME:** Emergency Planning

**EVENT:** NISG Meeting  
**DATE:** 17th October 2005  
**TIME:** 2.15 for 2.30 p.m.  
**VENUE:** BBC (Belfast)  
**THEME:** T.B.C.

### NISG Officers and Committee

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Thanks to everyone who attended the quiz for their generosity during the raffle.

The final total raised for Leukemia Research was £350.

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## NISG QUIZ NIGHT

The Northern Ireland Safety Group Quiz was held on 11th March 2005 in the Wellington Park Hotel.

Around 25 teams each consisting of four members, took part in the competition which is designed to test employees' health and safety knowledge in a wide variety of areas. The Quiz is open to all NISG members and is a night of difficult questions and good craic.

The event was well attended and after a closely fought contest the winners were announced:

### Novice Category:



**Armagh and Dungannon Health and Social Services Trust** (shown here receiving their prizes from Liam Kelly, NISG Chairman and Liam McBrinn, HSENI).

### Previous Entrants category:



### NACCO Materials Handling.

We congratulate both teams on their success on the night.

The evening was attended by the outgoing Chairman of HSENI, Liam McBrinn and allowed NISG to mark his retirement with a presentation on behalf of the Group.

The successful teams had the opportunity to take part in the All Ireland Quiz Finals, which were held in Waterford in May.

Unfortunately the NACCO team were unable to attend. Their place was taken by Seagate Technology, who were runners up in the Previous Entrants' Category.

The All Ireland Finals are traditionally very hard fought and this year both of the N.I. teams were eliminated at the semi final stage after a close contest.

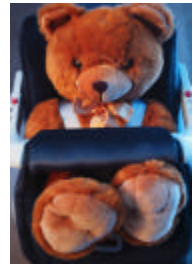
We congratulate both teams on their efforts and look forward to next year's Quiz.

**"OUT" MEETING  
 Monday  
 20th June 2005  
 1.00 for 1.15 p.m.**

The last NISG meeting before the summer break will be held at Belfast Zoo. During the meeting we will hear a speaker discussing safety management within the Zoo.

Further information will be circulated before the meeting and we look forward to a very enjoyable and informative afternoon.

## NEW ROAD SAFETY GUIDE FOR COUNCILLORS



A new guide to help local authority elected members to tackle road safety issues has been published by the RoSPA. It aims to provide the answers councillors throughout the United Kingdom need to promote road safety and help their constituents.

**Road Safety: An Elected Member's Guide** has been produced with funding from the Department for

Linda Morrison Allsopp, Road Safety Project Manager for RoSPA, said: **"The guide gives information to councillors about how they can improve road safety in their area and also about their council's statutory duties. It should be useful to all local authority members, no matter how much involvement they have with road safety."**

It aims to ensure councillors are familiar with the value of road safety to their community when faced with making tough

financial decisions. The guide stresses their important role in spreading the road safety message to constituents and also in making officers aware of their constituents' needs.

Issues such as road safety education, training and publicity are considered as well as engineering measures, maintenance and the need for accurate accident data.

The guide is being circulated to all local authorities in England, Northern Ireland,

Scotland and Wales, and copies can be obtained free of charge from RoSPA's road safety department. It can also be downloaded from the Society's website at <http://www.rospa.com/roadsafety/info/ElectedMembersGuide.pdf>.



## ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REVIEW NEEDED



RoSPA has launched a new initiative to persuade employers to review the adequacy of their arrangements for investigating accidents and incidents.

About 120 safety professionals attending the RoSPA National Safety and Health at Work Congress in Birmingham were told that far too many companies are still ill-prepared to meet the

challenges that accidents present.

Roger Bibbings, RoSPA Occupational Safety Adviser said: **"Research suggests...that, even where they believe they are investigating adequately, many organisations in reality are failing to extract full value from their investigations because they have failed to think through all the essential elements required."**

Around 250 workers and 100 members of the public are killed in occupational accidents

in the UK each year. There are about 160,000 reportable injuries and another one million people hurt in accidents at work.

The congress heard that RoSPA is partnering with the Noordwijk Risk Initiative Foundation to explore exactly what is needed for the effective investigation of accidents and incidents. The project will be known as *"Defining Operational Readiness to Investigate" (DORI)*.

The partners have produced a document to provide a focus for debate and comment. It is hoped people with experience in managing the investigative resources of organisations will contribute.

Dr John Kingston, chairman of NRIF, outlined the project's aims to congress delegates on Wednesday, May 18.

**The DORI paper is available from [www.nri.eu.com](http://www.nri.eu.com)**

## HSENI UPDATES HSENI UPDATES HSENI

### HSENI LAUNCHES FARM SAFETY BOARD GAME

Thousands of Northern Ireland children attending the Balmoral Show have been getting on 'board' the Child Safety on Farms campaign with the help of a new game called 'Avoid Harm on the Farm'.



Specially commissioned by the HSENI on behalf of the Child Safety on Farms Steering Group, the new game teaches children vital farm safety messages.

The board game was launched at the Balmoral Show in an innovative move by HSENI to help reduce the number of farming-related accidents.

Speaking at the Show HSENI's Terry Chambers explained:

**"During the last 10 years in Northern Ireland, 18 children have died as a result of on-farm accidents. Many more have been injured. By producing this game we hope that children and parents will learn to avoid the hazards that**

**are common in these home workplaces."**

He went on to explain how the game 'Avoid Harm on the Farm' works:

"Starting in the Farmhouse square players throw a dice to move clockwise around the board. Collecting an animal each time they pass the Farmhouse, players must pick up and obey the 'In the farmyard' and 'In the field' activity cards. The characters Harry Harm and Sammy Safe are there to help along the way and the player with the most animals at the end of the game wins!"

HSENI is encouraging farming families and school groups to contact them to get their own copy.

**"Interactive learning is the best way to teach children vital farm safety messages. We hope that by playing this new board game children will not only have fun, but will also learn to stay safe on the farm,"** Mr Chambers added.

**Anyone who would like further information or support can contact HSENI on the one-2-one helpline on 0800 0320 121.**

Further information is also available on the HSENI website, [www.hseni.gov.uk](http://www.hseni.gov.uk).

### HSENI Urges Extra Vigilance on Farms

HSENI stepped up its campaign to improve child safety on farms by using a dramatic enactment portraying the impact of the death of a child on the family farm in an attempt to drive home the need for increased vigilance and shared responsibility.

The dramatisation was performed at the Be Aware Kids' stakeholder forum which was attended by key members of the NI farming and wider community and other representatives who have an interest in child safety.

Speaking at the workshop Brian Pryce, 'Be Aware Kids' Campaign Manager, said:

**"In comparison to other industries in Northern Ireland, agriculture has one of the highest incidences of fatality. The main reason for this is that farms are homes as well as workplaces."**

As the summer months approach children will be enjoying the lighter evenings by playing outside and it is imperative that we work together to ensure that they are protected from harm."

The 'Be Aware Kids' campaign is aimed at farmers, farming families, teachers, health professionals, agricultural contractors and suppliers. Its objective is to make farms safer places for children to live and play.

Mr Pryce continued "During the last 10 years, 18 children have died as a result of on-farm accidents in Northern Ireland and many more have been injured.

By staging today's dramatic representation we are hoping to galvanise the whole community into action. While it is often too painful for families to speak publicly about such tragedies, this enactment has conveyed very effectively the heartache and trauma they experience. During the workshop that followed we endeavoured to establish ways that all stakeholders could work more closely together to reduce and eliminate all such accidents.



Further information is also available on the HSENI website, [www.hseni.gov.uk](http://www.hseni.gov.uk).