

All Island Farm Safety Conference

Wednesday, 18th June 2008.

The Hillgrove Hotel, Old Armagh Road, Monaghan



AIM OF THE SEMINAR

The Agricultural sector in Ireland continues to have a poor safety and ill health record. About one-third of workplace deaths in Ireland take place on farms while only 6% of the workforce are employed in the sector. Farm injuries and ill health cause pain, suffering and tragedy, and can lead to economic loss which can jeopardize the livelihood of a farm family. At the seminar experts from Ireland and from Sweden will present findings from recent studies on strategies to improve the safety and health record of the farming sector.

Two farmers will outline the consequences of farm injuries. Occupational health issues of relevance to farmers will also be considered.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The Seminar is particularly relevant to leaders in farm safety, farmers, agricultural contractors, trainers and advisers and anyone with an interest in safety and health in Agriculture.

ADMISSION

Admission to the seminar is free and lunch will be provided.

SPONSORSHIP

The Seminar is kindly sponsored by FBD.

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PROGRAMME	
10.00 - 10.30	Registration and Tea/Coffee.
Chairperson: Karen Patterson , BBC Presenter.	
10.30 - 10.45	Opening Address by Brendan Smith, T.D. <i>Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.</i>
10.45 - 11.30	Safety of Elderly on Farms (Joint North/South Presentation) <i>Mr. David Meredith, Teagasc, Rural Economy Research Centre, Athenry, Co. Galway</i> <i>Mr. Malcolm Downey, Senior Inspector, HSENI</i>
11.30 - 12.15	Swedish Farm Safety Practice and E.U. Influences <i>Prof. Peter Lundqvist, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences</i>
12.15 - 12.45	Livestock Safety - Research Outcomes <i>Mr. Dan Prendiville, Teagasc, Beef Research Centre, Grange, Co. Meath</i> <i>EU Leonardo Livestock Safety Project</i>
12.45 - 1.00	Morning – Question and Answer Session.
1.00 - 2.00	Lunch.
2.00 - 2.30	Effects of Serious Farm Accidents on Farmers (Joint North/South Presentation) <i>North Case Study - Mr. Kenny Gracey, County Armagh</i> <i>South Case Study - Mr. Sean Grant, County Donegal</i>
2.30 - 3.00	Occupational Health Issues in Farming (Joint North/South Presentation) <i>A GP Viewpoint - Dr. Michael Kennedy South Tyrone Practice</i> <i>Outcome of Cross Border Study - Mr. Finian Murray, Mens Health Development Officer, HSE, Dublin/North East</i>
3.00 - 3.30	Conference close — Open Forum Discussion on Future of Farm Safety Actions.

