

*Safety is a core value for Uisce Éireann in all our work*



## Introduction –

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Welcome to the 19th edition of the Infrastructure Delivery Safety Newsletter.

It is hard to believe we are in April already and that the Easter break is fast approaching!!

I thought the recent safety webinar on lifting operations was very interesting. There were great tips from Michael Norton on safe lifting and Murphy Group's training programme for "Excavators as Cranes" is a very positive initiative. It is important that we keep a focus on our Golden Rules for critical risk management.

Over 150 people have completed the Works Supervisor training being delivered through the National Construction Training Centre, since the start of the year. Thank you to all our delivery partners for supporting the programme, which is a great example of safety collaboration in action. Further details are provided in this newsletter if you want to enquire about the training.

## Am I SAFE? Webinar



Am I **SAFE?**

### Lifting Operations

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025



The Am I Safe? webinar on the 25<sup>th</sup> March, focused on the topic of Lifting Operations.

On the session our speakers provided their expert insights on the topic, discussing roles and responsibilities, lift plans, rigging, contractor initiatives and more.

Presenters:

- **Eunan Canavan**, UÉ Portfolio Manager, Infrastructure Delivery.
- **Michael Norton**, Proactive Safety.
- **Brian Murray**, SHEQ Manager, Murphy Group.

The recording of the webinar will be made available on the Am I Safe Website shortly. See QR code and link to website below.



[www.water.ie/amisafe](http://www.water.ie/amisafe)



## PR029 Requirements Update

UÉ's Minimum Requirements for Health, Safety, Quality and Environment on Uisce Éireann Capital Projects and Programmes document PS-HS-PR-029 has been updated.

Some key updates made are the following

- Two new Golden Rules – Pipe Deliveries and Pressure Energy
- Clarification on what is classified as a lower risk and higher risk excavation
- Updated mandatory requirement for Work Supervisor's is now the UÉ Work Supervisor Training Programme
- Allowance for remote supervision
- Quality Section

Please ensure to review the latest revision of the document which can be found on the standards and specifications website [here](#).

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**Uisce Éireann**

**Minimum Health, Safety, Quality and Environment Requirements for Uisce Éireann Capital Projects and Programmes**

# UÉ Work Supervisor Training Compliance

The Uisce Éireann Works Supervisor Training Programme was launched in January 2025.

This programme is now the only training that satisfies the Work Supervisors requirement under the latest version of PR-029 (Rev 3).

Any existing training completed, that would have complied with Rev 2 prior to this change, will be accepted until its expiry date but for all new training from the date of issue of Rev 3, the UÉ Work Supervisor Training Programme must be utilised.

Evidence that a Works Supervisor has been enrolled into a future UÉ Works Supervisor Training Programme, will be accepted as a minimum training requirement until June 30<sup>th</sup> 2025. A Training Programme Certificate of Completion will be required beyond June 30<sup>th</sup> 2025.

A gap has been identified around compliance with this training requirement. We would ask that you please review compliance within your own organization and schedule training for Works Supervisors, as required.

Please cascade this message to any subcontractors who may dispense the role of Works Supervisor on your sites.

The training programme is publicly funded from The European Social Fund (ESF+) under the Skills to Advance Scheme and will be open for bookings in mid-January. The training will be provided by Mount Lucas, the National Construction Training Campus.

Bookings may be made at the following link:

[Programme Enrolment](#)



## Lighthouse Site Visit

"Make it Visible" Lighthouse charity event took place on UÉ site in Roscommon in conjunction with Right Group on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of Feb.

Jack, Andy & Fergus Farrell from the Lighthouse Charity attended site, they shared their stories & the support available from the Lighthouse charity to all construction staff.



## Worker Welfare Week

Am I SAFE? will be sending out details to our Delivery Partners in the coming weeks to raise awareness on the welfare of our workers on our sites across all Uisce Éireann sites. Worker welfare week is planned to take place on week commencing the 16<sup>th</sup> of June.

## Website Updates

The Am I SAFE? website will continue to be updated monthly with videos produced by:

- UE staff – 3 per portfolio for 2025
- Contractors – 3 per contractor for 2025

The Am I SAFE? team will be issuing 4 conversation starters videos for 2025.

We will also start to look at our first 'safety in design' videos with our engineering service providers.

## Contractor Soft Starts

BSG has implemented the "Project Restarts" initiative since 2016.

This year, BSG is excited to introduce the BSG Safe Scan. This tool is designed to reduce human factor influences on incidents and accidents by focusing on hazard spotting. It also acknowledges that personal issues can often be at the forefront of thoughts, making it more difficult to concentrate on tasks.



Cantwell Electrical Engineering Limited regularly holds 'soft starts' for their employees.

Their latest session featured Dessie Fitzgerald, a Life, Mind Health, and Performance Coach, who shared his life story and struggles with mental, physical, and emotional health. The session with Dessie was particularly impactful, resonating with everyone.

