

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



Introduction

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**Welcome to the 21st edition
of the Infrastructure
Delivery Safety Newsletter.**

Everyone in Uisce Éireann was deeply saddened to hear of the recent fatality in Cork. It is a stark reminder of why we need to keep safety front and foremost in our mind today and every day in everything we do to keep each other safe.

Uisce Éireann is delighted to sponsor the CIF Safety Campaign which is currently underway. This year, the campaign's theme, 'Back to Basics', serves as a timely reminder that the foundation of safety excellence begins with getting the basics right.

We appreciate the huge effort our delivery partners make, planning events to support the topics of the campaign

In November, we have our Caring for Christmas Campaign, which will kick off with a webinar on the 24th November. I would ask you all to support and engage with this campaign. We all experience difficult times in our lives and it is important to be aware of where people can get help and support.

Temporary Works for Excavations

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Temporary Works Webinar Agenda:

Introduction - Mark O'Duffy
TW - Groundforce
Training Initiatives - GMC
Q&A

18th September 2025
amisafe@water.ie



The Safety webinar on the 18th of September, focused on the topic of Temporary Works for excavations.

On the session our speakers provided their expert insights on the topic, discussing the types of temporary works available for different circumstances, roles and responsibilities.

Thanks to our presenters:

- **Mark O'Duffy**, UÉ Portfolio Manager, IDD.
- **Joseph Lenihan & Larry Kirwan** from Groundforce
- **Trevor Troy**, HSQE Manager, GMC.

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

www.water.ie/amisafe

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UÉ Work Supervisor Training Programme

An update has been made to the UE Works Supervisor Training Programme Booking System.

Please use the Booking Link for all future bookings:
<https://forms.office.com/e/hhGYwG3mE4>

This updated system has improved functionality around candidate reminders, rescheduling and cancellation. Should you have any queries or issues regarding the bookings please contact:

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AmISAFE? Updates

The Am I SAFE? website continues to grow and develop.

Please keep the website in your favourites for monthly updates.

Further additions to the website this quarter are below -

- Close Call – Work at Height
- Tank Rescue Demonstration
- Abrasive wheels incident
- Golden Rules Temporary Works
- Golden Rules Excavations
- The Importance of Tag Lines

We ask that our contractors continue to interact and provide learnings to be shared on the collaborative website.



Safety Excellence Awards

We had a great response to our Safety Excellence Awards. Over 80 nominations were received from across our Contractor, ESP, Local Authority and Uisce Éireann colleagues for the 2025 Safety Excellence Awards.

Thanks to all the nominators who took the time to make submissions and share the good work being done around the country to promote our Safety First culture.

We have two categories of Awards again this year, to recognise the work of both our site-based and office-based colleagues. The selected winners will be announced at the upcoming Awards Ceremony on the 29th November.

Safety Days



Shareridge Civil Engineering



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Safety in Design

Safety in Design is the process of identifying, assessing and controlling design hazards and design risks to ensure that the design can be built, operated, maintained and eventually decommissioned or demolished safely. UE have developed a Safety in Design guidance which is now available through the Am I SAFE? Website.

A Collaborative Forum on 'Safety in Design' is taking place in Q4. The aim of the forum is to provide a platform for designers that work for UE to meet periodically through-out the year, to share learnings, and to ultimately improve Safety in Design on our projects.



Contractor Initiatives

CSL - Looking After Their Team's Mental Health and Wellbeing

Mental health is just as important as physical health — CSL believe that everyone should have access to the right support when they need it. To support their team and their families, they now offer access to **LayaHealthcare's 24/7 Mental Wellbeing Support Programme**. This confidential service provides:

- Round-the-clock phone support from qualified professionals
- Face-to-face or virtual counselling sessions
- Expert advice on personal, family, financial, legal, and work-related issues

Whether it's a small worry or something more serious, help is always available day or night.



Backflow HiPo

Shortly after a plant shutdown, a large flow of water entered a clarifier where upgrade works were taking place. The water flowed quickly into the tank for approximately 15 minutes causing the steel launders to buckle. It came to a stop after 40mins, filling the tank to a height of approximately 600mm. Fortunately, operatives in the tank were able to evacuate and were physically unharmed.

As a preventative action, a safety alert will be sent out as well as interface management procedures/ plans that will be required going forward.

