

COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS' UNION

# ITEM 10 EIR HEALTH & SAFETY - Chapter 26

11<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 2022, ATHLONE



# air Health & Safety


## Lead Worker Representatives and COVID

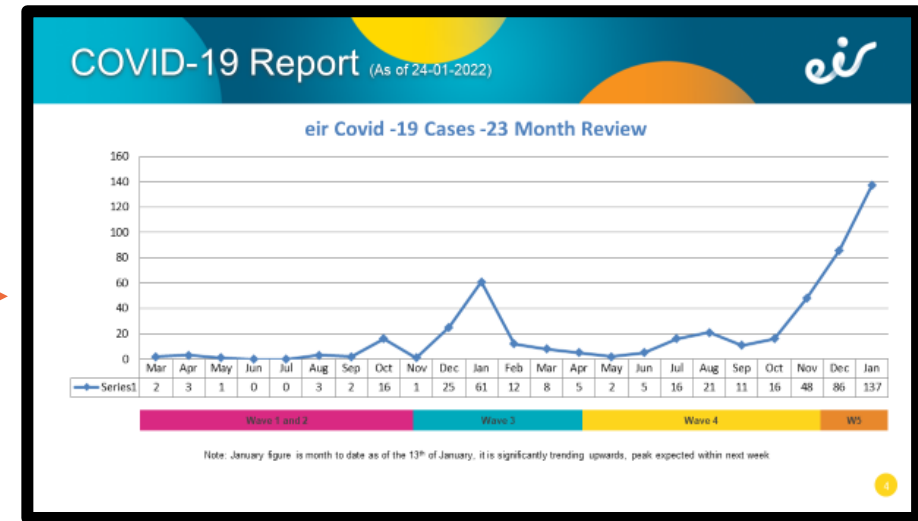
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# eir Health & Safety

- Structure enabled **staff input** to SMT decisions (Project Aura)
- **COVID** Report 
- **Thanks** to National Health & Safety Committee / District Committees and Safety Representatives
- **Sub-Group set up for additional PPE**
  - (Beanie hat, fingerless gloves, snood, body warmer (under thermal))
- **Return to work:** phased and sensitive basis - undertaken in conjunction with **Agile Work Policy**



## Top 5 incidents for 2021:

1. RTAs
2. Slips, Trips and Falls
3. Manual Handling
4. Fall from height
5. Other



*In the 10-year period between 2012 and 2021, 481 people were killed in work-related accidents and thousands more badly injured. Last year alone 38 people were killed.*

# How working in the sun puts you at risk of death

NEARLY one in four skin cancer deaths in Ireland come from people working outdoors in the construction or farming industry.

By Brein McGinn

A trio of Irish organisations launched the annual SunSmart campaign to highlight the issue for outdoor workers

so are very vulnerable to skin cancer. We want to encourage farmers to reduce their risk of sun damage by organising their day so that they are in the shade between 11am and 3pm and

## OUTDOOR WORKERS MUST BE PROTECTED FROM SUN

Skin cancer risk for farm & building staff

DANGER Working outside



## Skin Cancer Awareness

- 1 in 4 (26.6%) of skin cancer deaths in Ireland are from the construction, outdoor and farming industry
- 71 deaths in Ireland related to sun exposure at work

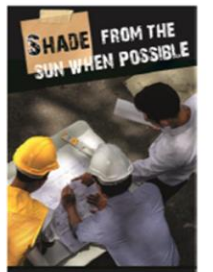
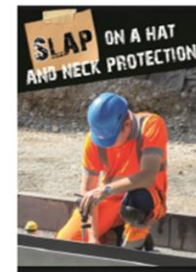




# Be "Sun Smart"

**Best Practice:**  
**UV Protection**

**Follow the**  
**'5-S'**  
**approach:**





**Thank you**

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