



COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS' UNION

ITEM 10 HEALTH & SAFETY - Chapter 9

11TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 2022, ATHLONE



GOOD SAFE
JOBBS JOBS

PROTECT WORKERS NOW

WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY - APRIL 28 - 1977-2022





**EDUCATE
TO
ORGANISE**



24 Mesothelioma deaths per year Ireland

*NCRI 2012 report – average deaths from Mesothelioma from 1984 to 2010



**WARNING
CONTAINS
ASBESTOS**

**Breathing asbestos
dust is dangerous
to health**

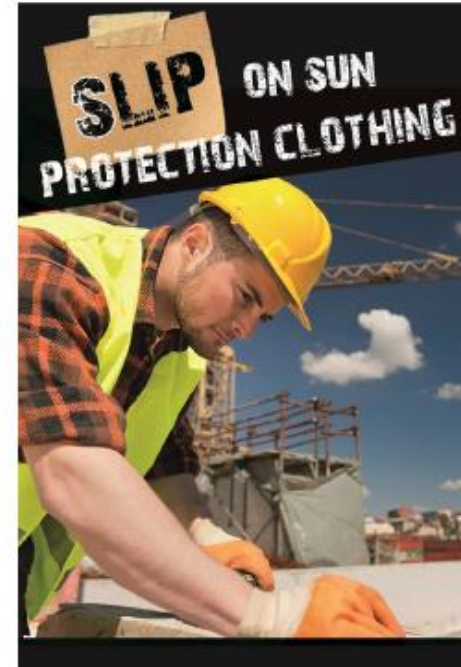
**Follow safety
instructions**



BE SUN SMART

Best Practice:
UV Protection

Follow the
'5-S'
approach:















Now with
50%
fewer accidents

CHOOSE
UNIONS

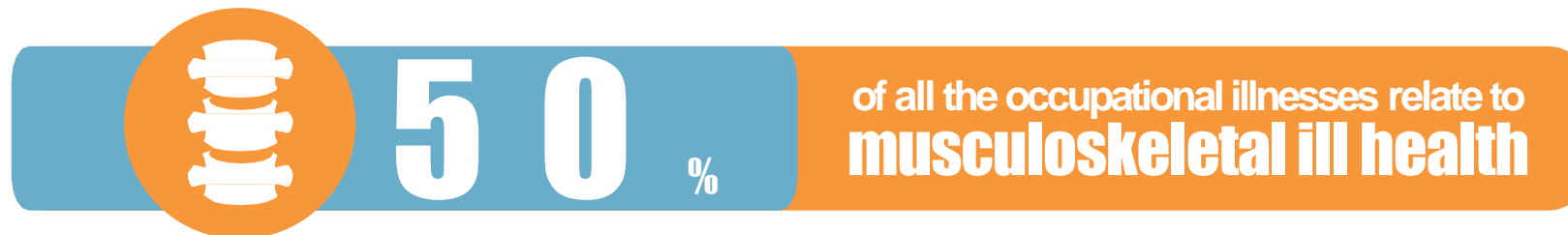
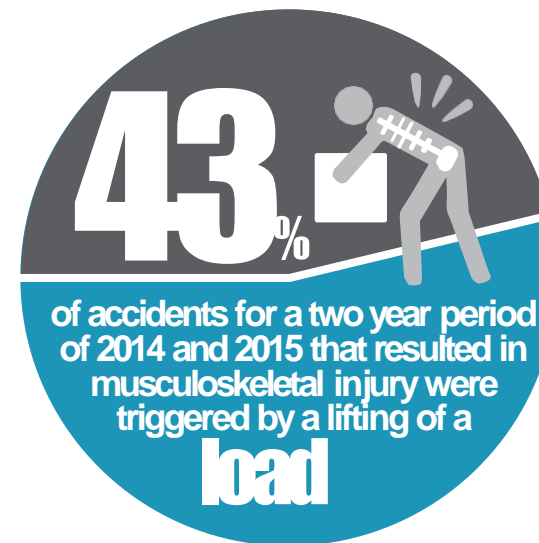
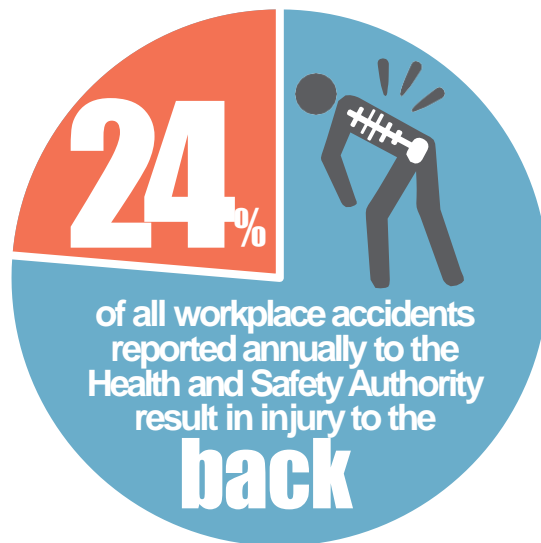
for a cleaner, safer workplace

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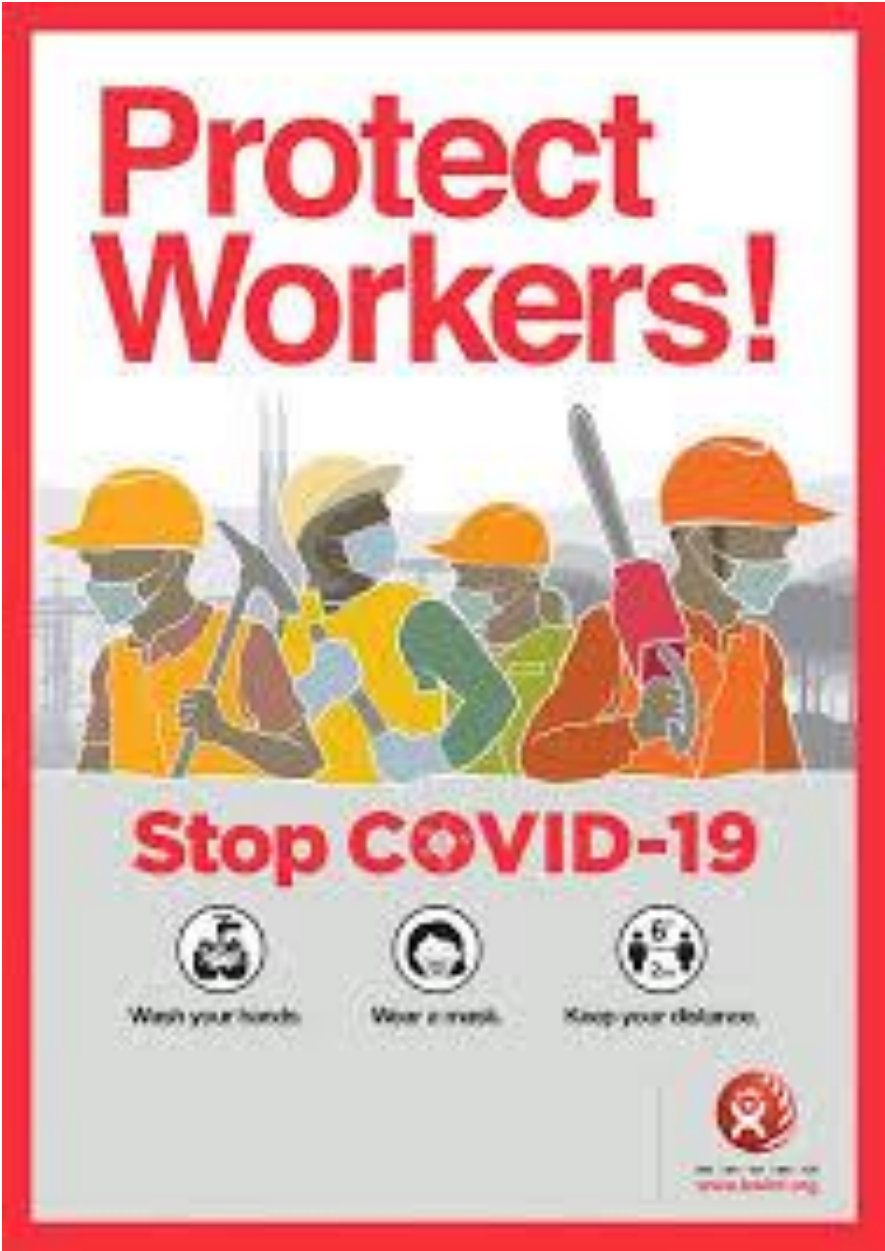
WORKPLACE ACCIDENTS





ASBESTOS:
BANNED BUT NOT GONE.
**ALL ASBESTOS CAN
CAUSE CANCER**

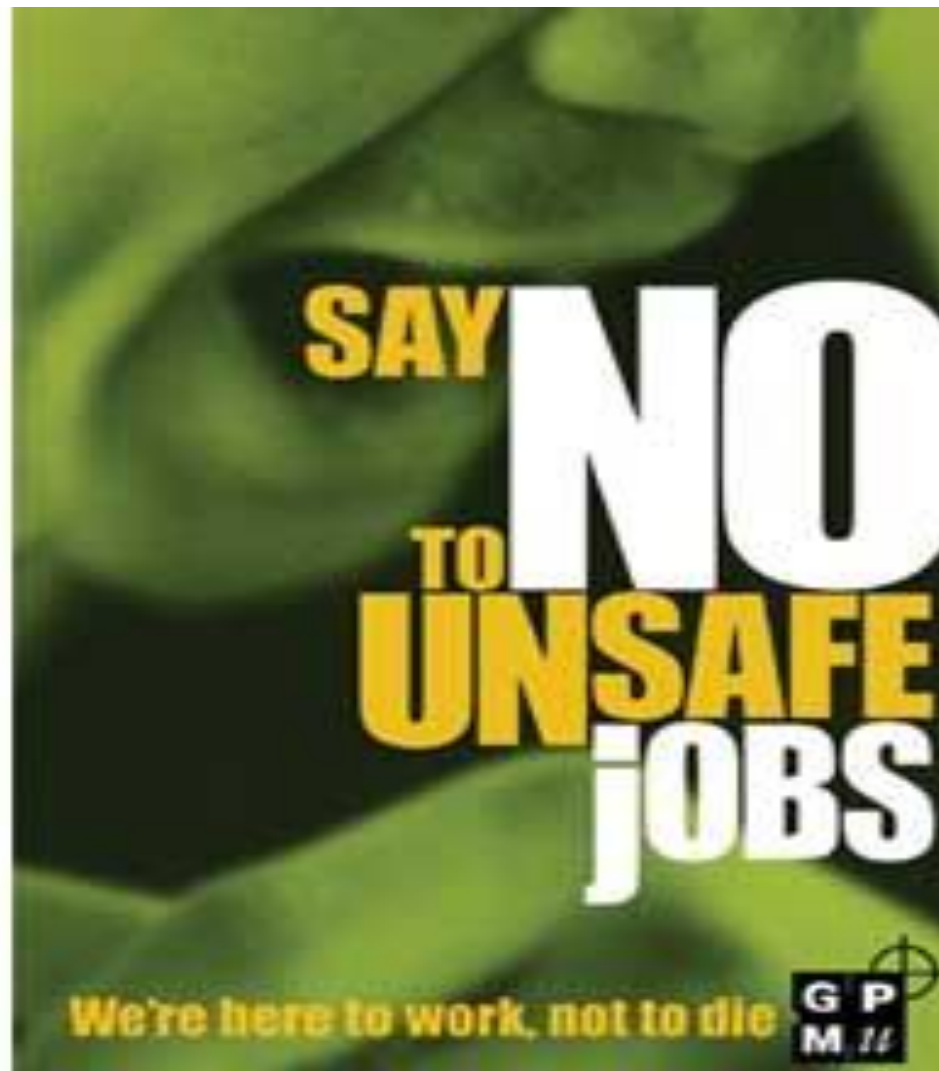
















**STAY SAFE
JOIN A UNION**

 Labour



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 McElm

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



Protect your skin



Keep your hat on



Use the shade



Wear sun glasses



Use sun cream SPF 30 or higher

Spot cancer early

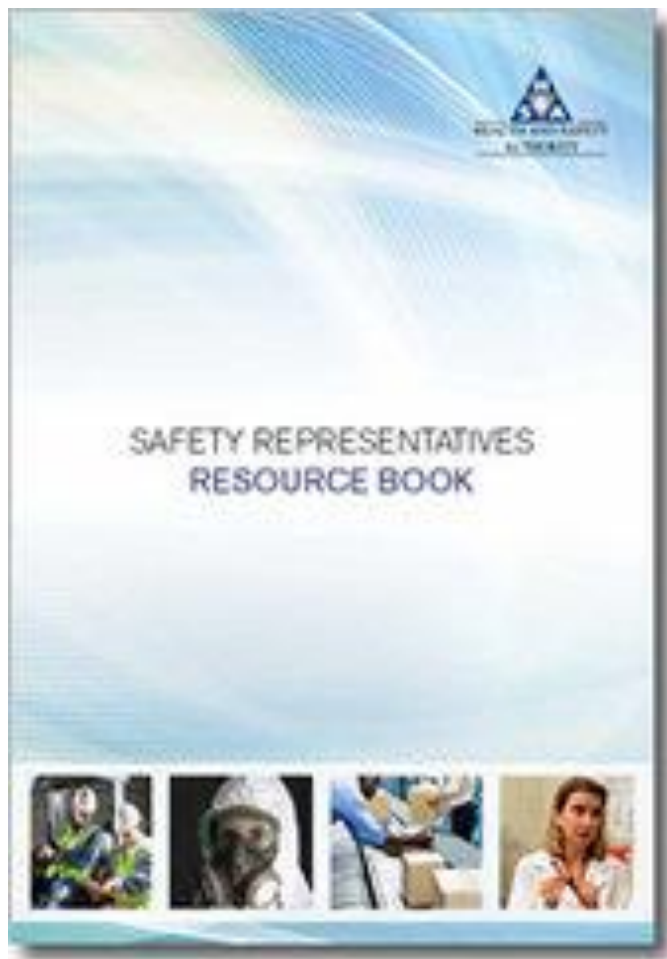


Get any skin changes checked by your doctor



- **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**





Safety Representative Resource Book

- A resource has been developed for Safety Representatives and published by the Health and Safety Authority with significant input from the ICTU
- This publication is part of a Trade Union strategy to try to re-energise the role of the safety rep and increase the number of active trade union safety representatives
- Safety and health is a trade union issue and it is important that we are resourced to make sure we can deliver in this area for our members
- We need to integrate it into our branch activity and understand how this presence in the workplace can enhance our organising strategies







38%
alcohol-related
collisions.



29%
of all 867 collisions involved **at least one**
driver or motorcyclist with a record of
alcohol consumption prior to the collision.



9%
of the 867 fatal collisions
involved a pedestrian who
had consumed alcohol.



Half of all drivers and motorcyclists over **four times the**
current drink driving limit. A quarter of drivers were
five times over the current legal limit and a fifth of
motorcyclists were five times over the current legal limit.

Alcohol as a Factor in Fatal Collisions



Almost half (47%) of the
drivers aged between
16 and 24 years had a
BAC of 201-251+.



Over half (52%) of the
pedestrians were on the road
with a BAC in excess of 201mg.



Overall, over half (58%) of the 330
alcohol-related collisions occurred
between 9pm and 5am with a
particular peak between 2 and 3am.



Almost **1/3** of the alcohol-related
collisions occurred on a Sunday.

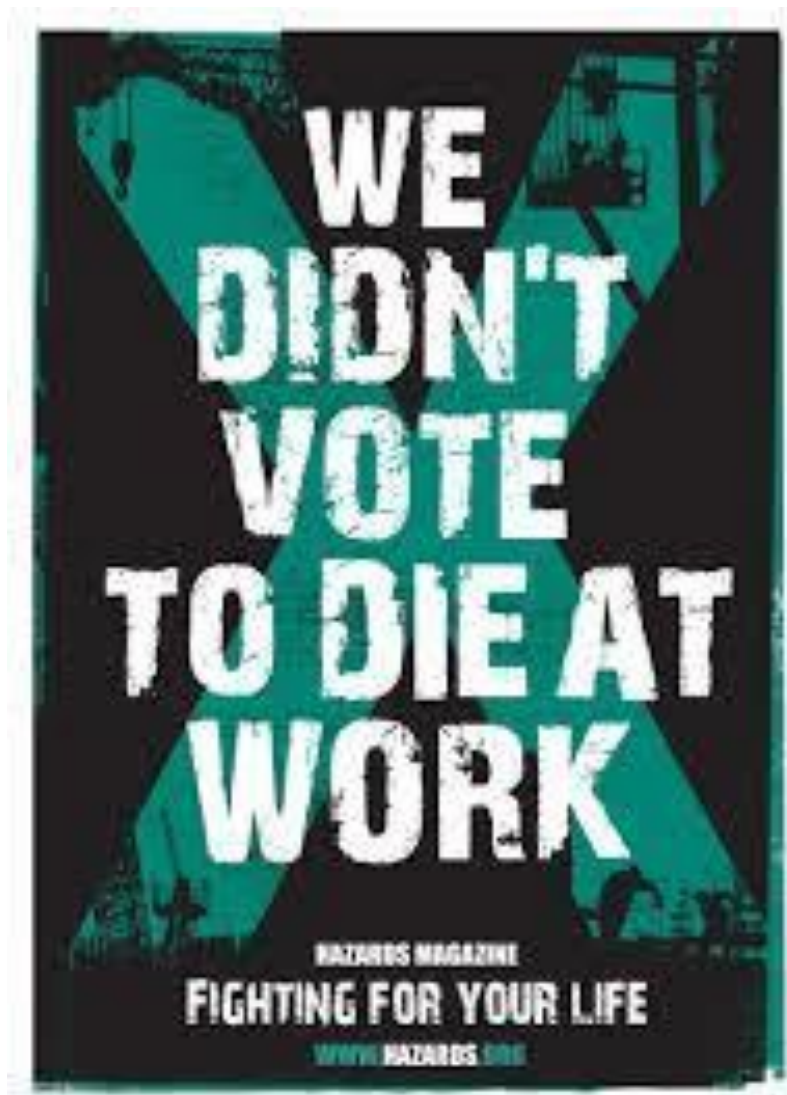
Almost **2/3** occurred on the weekend
days Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



Overall, the speed limits
would suggest **19%** of alcohol-
related collisions occurred in
an urban area and **81%** on a
more rural environment.



The majority of drivers who
had consumed alcohol were
male. Almost half (43%) of the
drivers who had consumed
alcohol were aged between
16 and 24 years.





WORK
CAN
AFFECT
YOUR
MENTAL
HEALTH

Speak to someone
before you unravel





**When somebody dies at work,
they are never the only victim.**

Work deaths harm whole families

International Workers' Memorial Day
28 April
www.ictu.ie

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SINGLE VEHICLE COLLISIONS* (SVCS) = 1/3 OF ROAD DEATHS IN THE EU

94,800 
PEOPLE DIED IN SVCS IN
THE LAST TEN YEARS

60% 
OF SINGLE VEHICLE COLLISIONS
OCCUR ON RURAL ROADS



THE MAJORITY OF DEATHS IN SVCS
ARE CAR OCCUPANTS



MOTORCYCLIST DEATHS ARE
DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH



OCCUPANTS OF GOODS VEHICLES BELOW
3.5 TONNES AND HGVs ACCOUNT FOR 7%
OF SVC DEATHS

BUS AND COACH OCCUPANTS FOR LESS THAN 1%

18-24
YEARS

25-49
YEARS



RISK OF GETTING INVOLVED IN
A FATAL COLLISION

IS TWICE AS HIGH FOR THE
18-24 AGE GROUP, COMPARED
TO THE 25-49 AGE GROUP

MAIN CAUSES OF SVCS



DISTRACTION



DRINK
DRIVING



FATIGUE



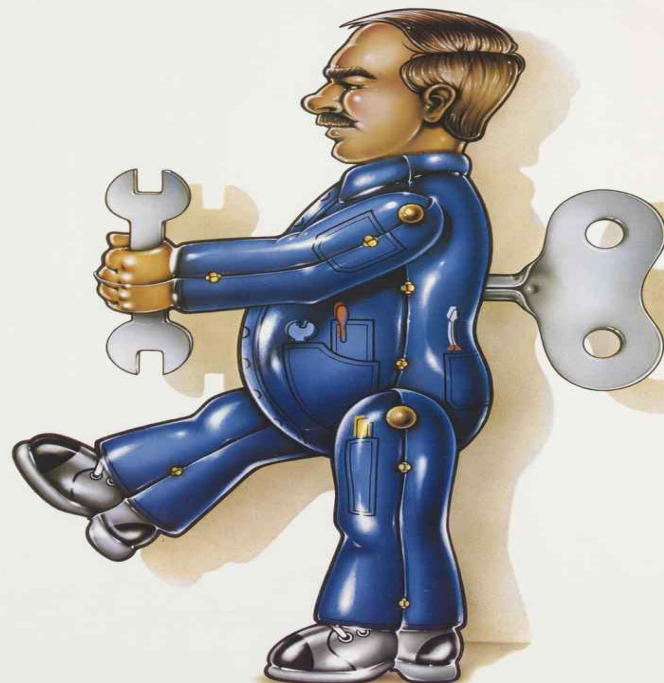
SPEED

*The definition of fatal single motor vehicle collisions (SVCs) covers collisions involving only one motor vehicle when the driver, rider and/or passengers were killed but no pedestrian or cyclist was involved.



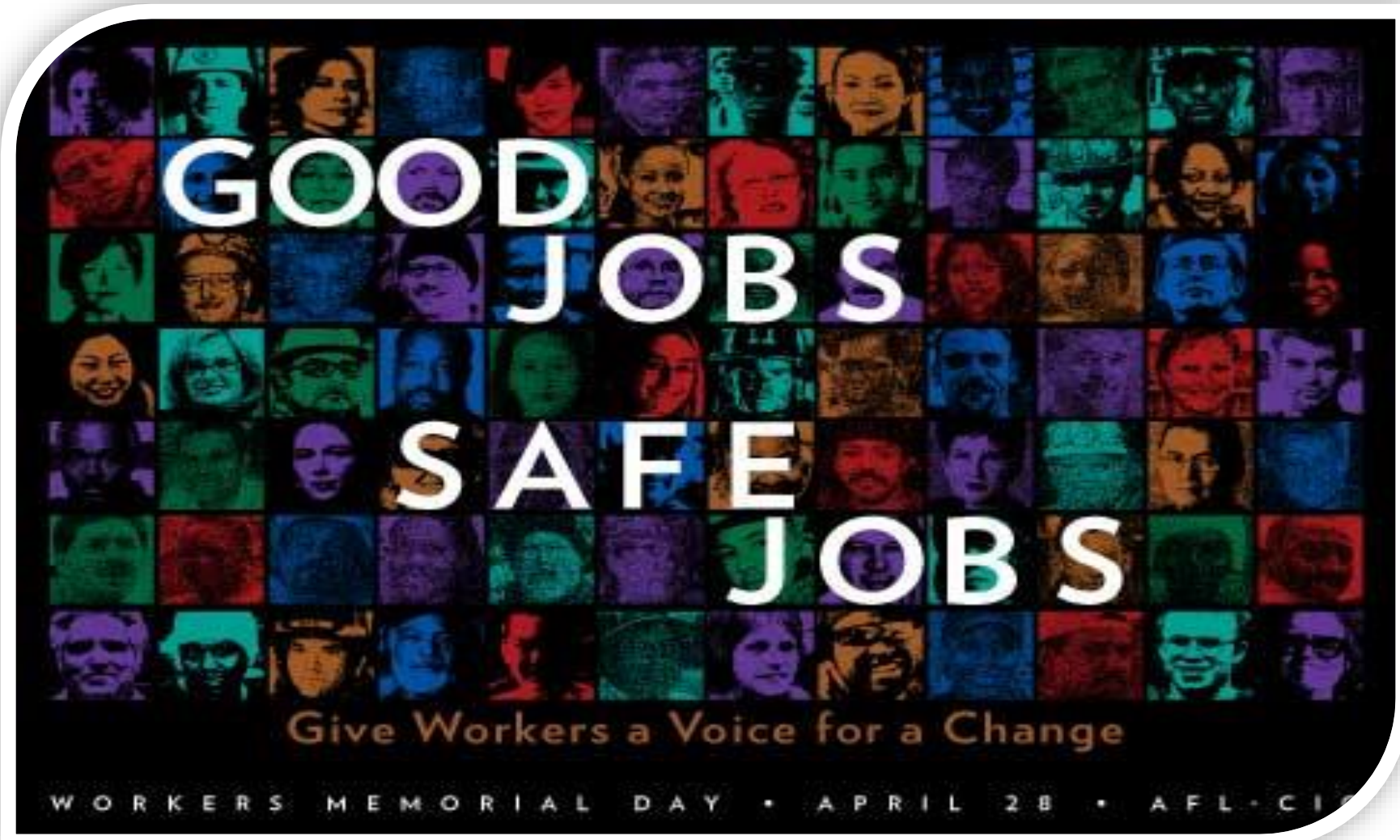
Een mens is geen machine.

Iedereen heeft recht op 'n beetje plezier in z'n werk.



Neem bij problemen gerust contact op met de Arbeidsinspectie.

UITGAVE VAN HET MINISTERIE VAN SOCIALE ZAKEN AFD. VOORLICHTING ZEESTRAAT 14 DEN HAAG





DAY OF MOURNING



Remembering the 160 B.C. workers
who lost their lives to workplace
injury and disease in 2008



As of March 24, visit www.dayofmourning.bc.ca and dedicate a flower in tribute to a fallen worker.

For more information visit WorkSafeBC.com







Day of
Mourning

Remembering
lives lost
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in the
workplace

April 28



CCOHS  1-800-668-4284 www.ccohs.ca
Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety



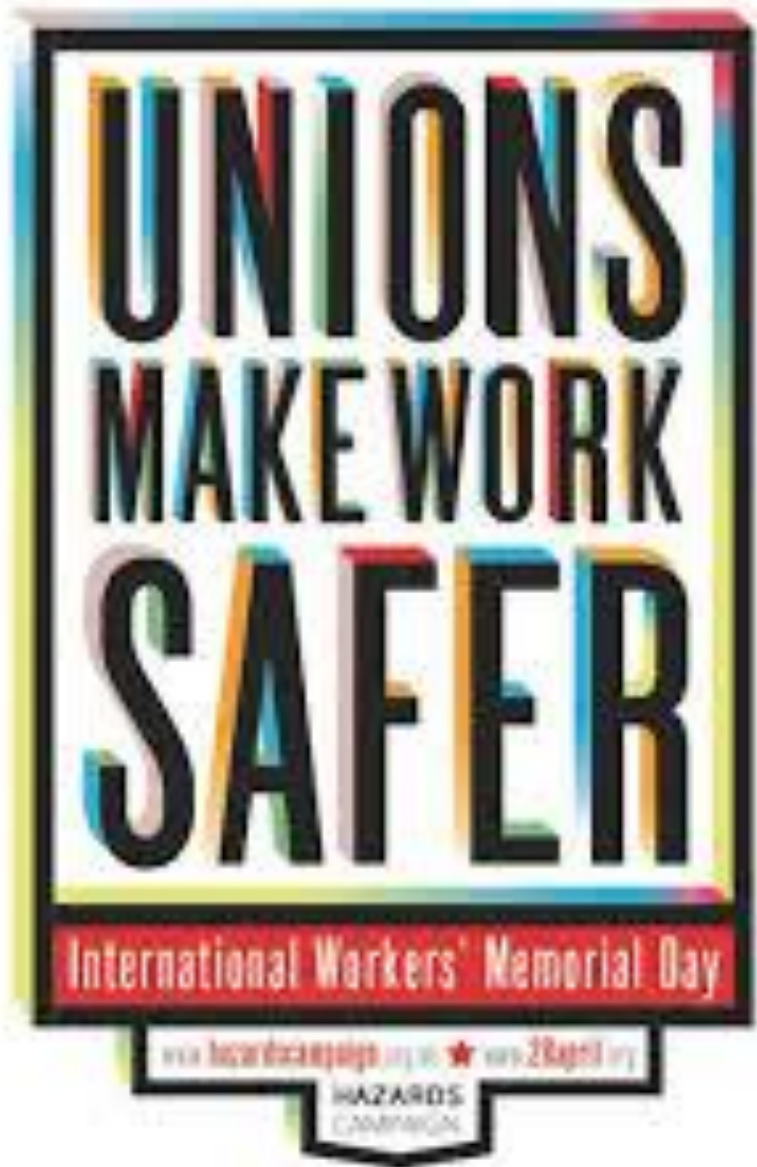


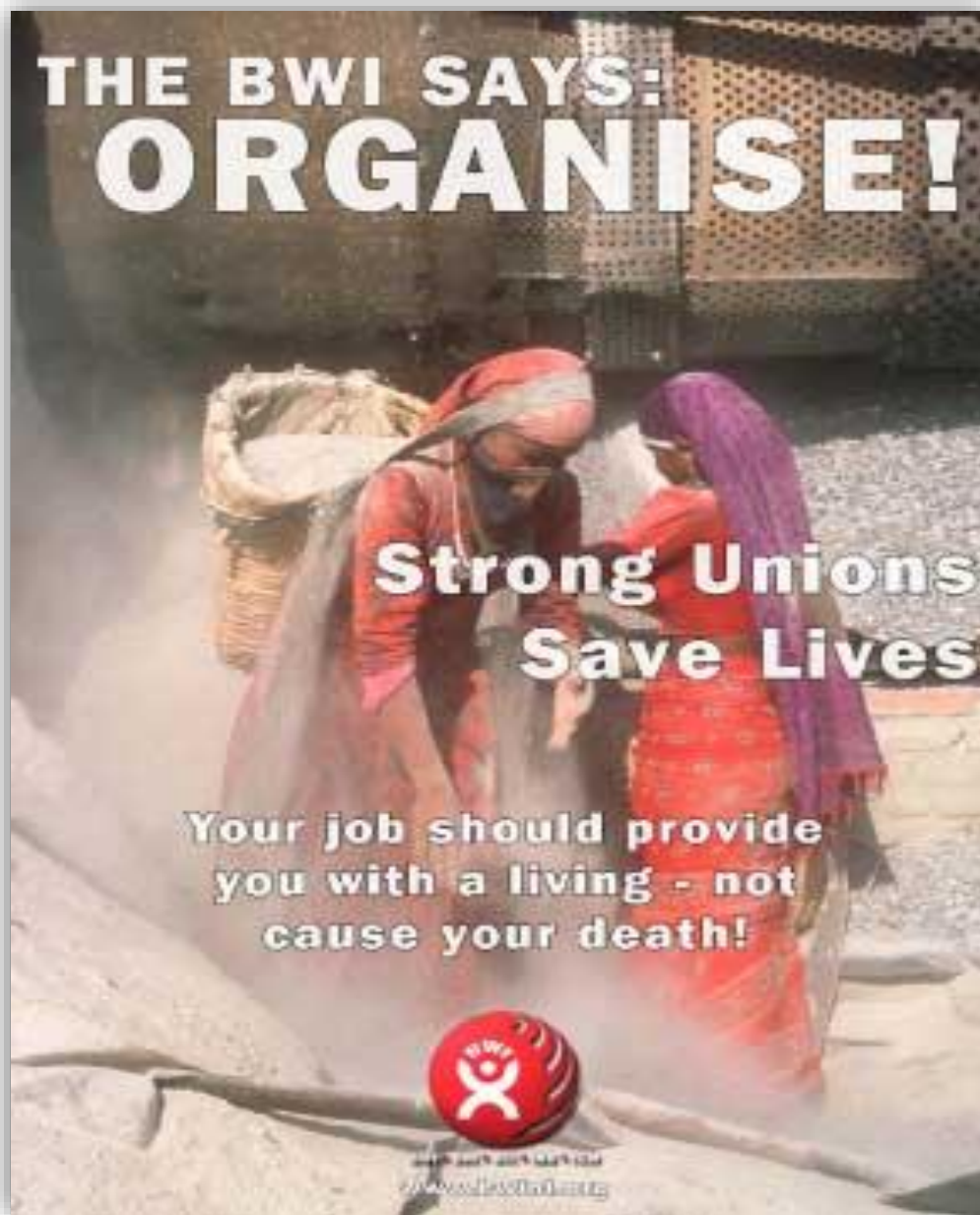
What is a risk assessment?

A risk assessment is a written document that records a three-step process:

1. Identifying the hazards in the workplace(s) under your control
2. Assessing the risks presented by these hazards
3. Putting control measures in place to reduce the risk of these hazards causing harm



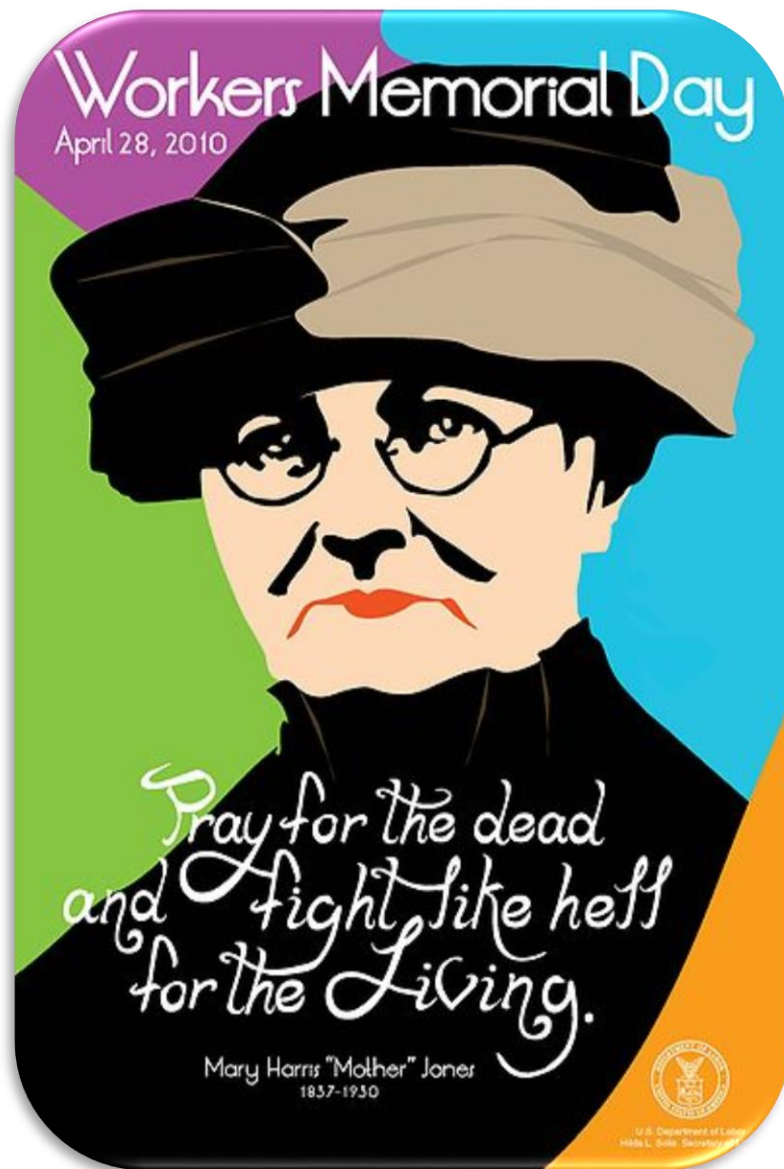














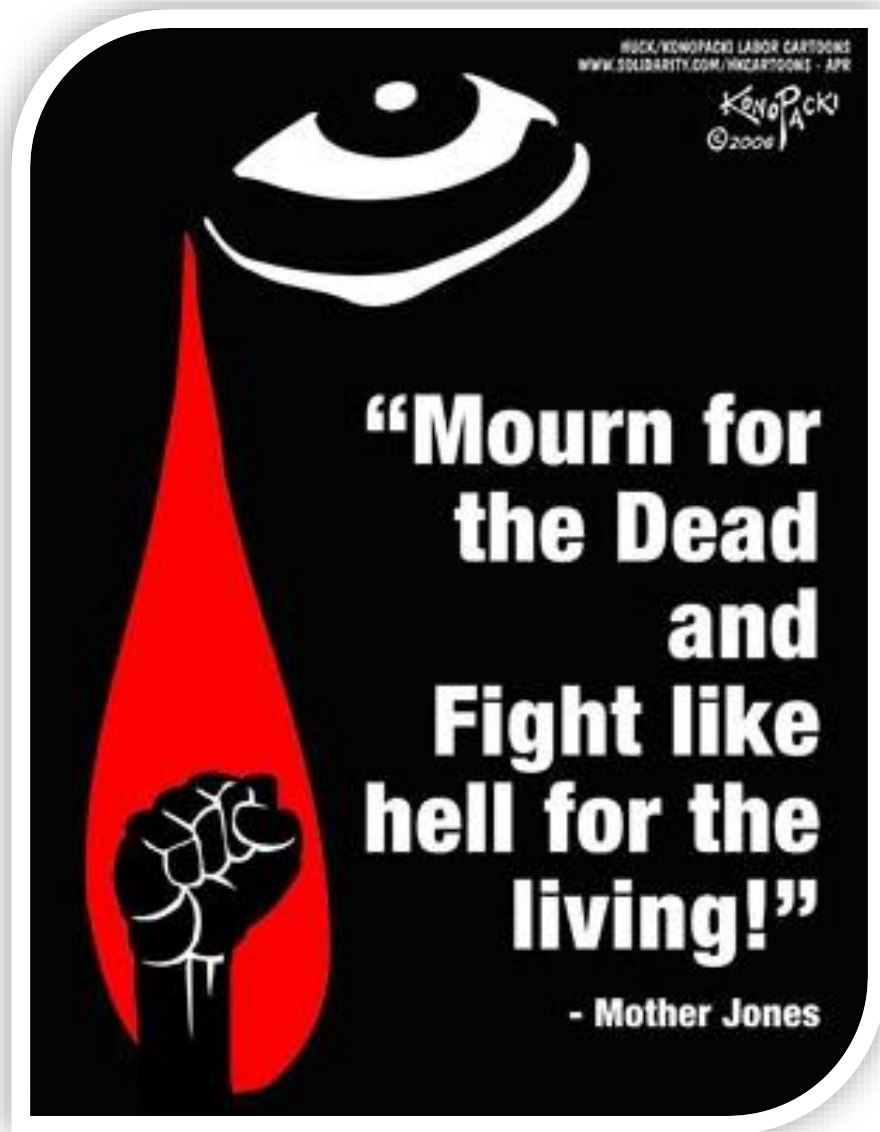
28 APRIL 2013


MOURN **FOR THE DEAD** **FIGHT** **FOR THE LIVING**

WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY

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FOR THE LIVING





28th APRIL 2009
INTERNATIONAL
WORKERS
MEMORIAL
DAY

Gather 9.30 am at the statue of the unknown building worker at Tower Hill next to the Tower of London, Tower Bridge. Rally with speakers. March from Tower Hill to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) headquarters in Southwark St. Continue the march to City Hall, London. SEs for Rally with speakers from 12 noon.

CONTACT: 027 477 95954

REMEMBER THE DEAD - BUT FIGHT FOR THE LIVING !

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**Those who want unions to die
are murdering our members.**



March for those who can't on April 28

It's a fact. Most workers who are killed in the course of their job work for companies who are anti-union. The sort of companies who won't let unions enter on site to spot check on safety procedures. In most cases, 24 hours notice has to be given, with many companies delaying the process. In those cases, a hurried scramble takes place to try and make a site look superficially safe. (It's a bit like a quick clean up before your mother-in-law visits.)

Many workers are intimidated and threatened with the sack if they speak up. Meanwhile more workers die and families suffer. This sometimes affects us not allow unions to do their job on all sites has to stop.

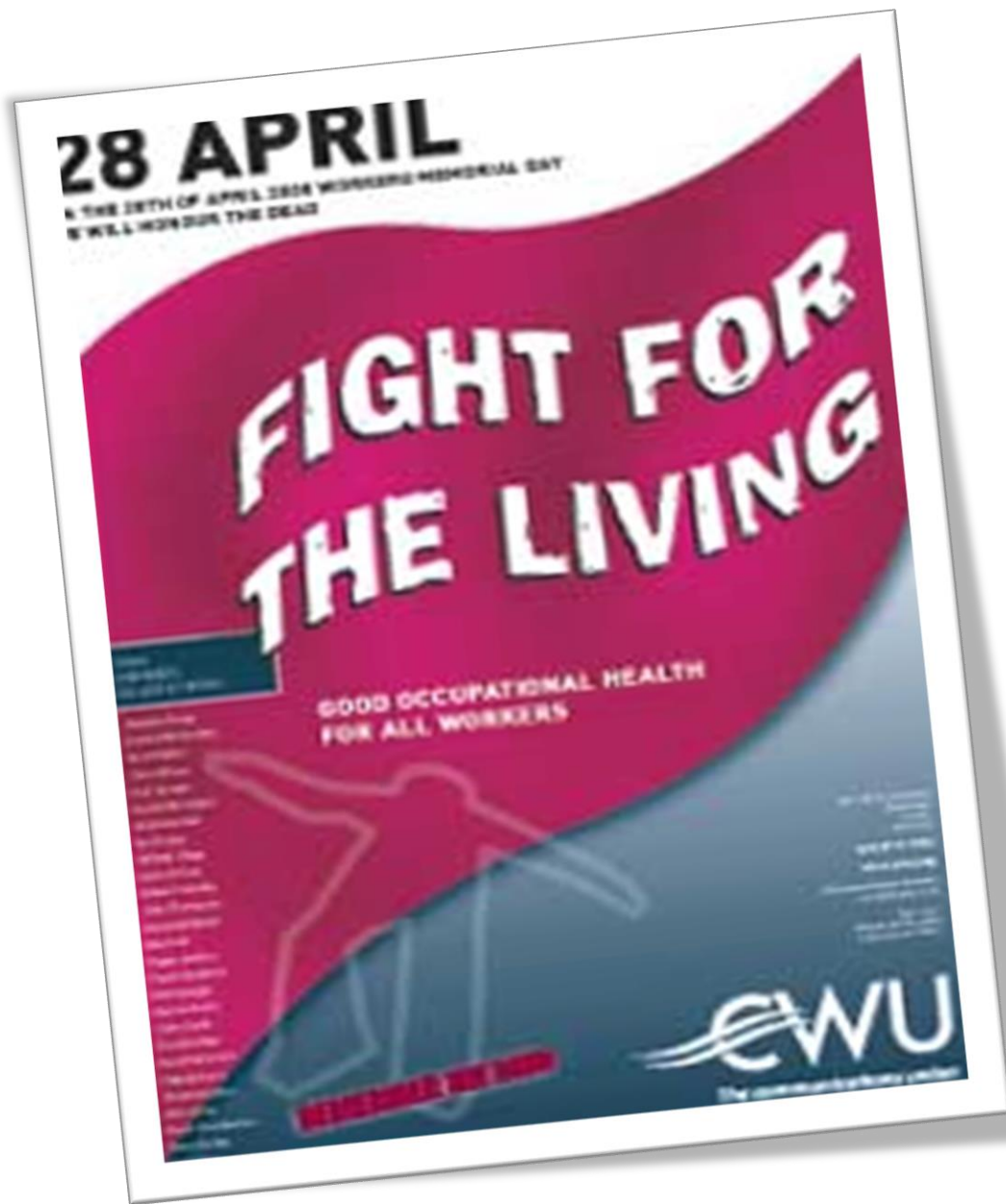
April 28th, is the official 'International Day of Mourning' for killed and injured workers, as proclaimed by the United Nations.

Join our march for those that can't. Your attendance could help to save a life. Maybe even your own.



RALLY AND MARCH: All members out to march Tuesday April 28th, assemble on the Perth Esplanade by 9.30 am sharp and then march to Solidarity Park at Parliament House. All welcome.

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**INTERNATIONAL
WORKERS' MEMORIAL
DAY**

28 April

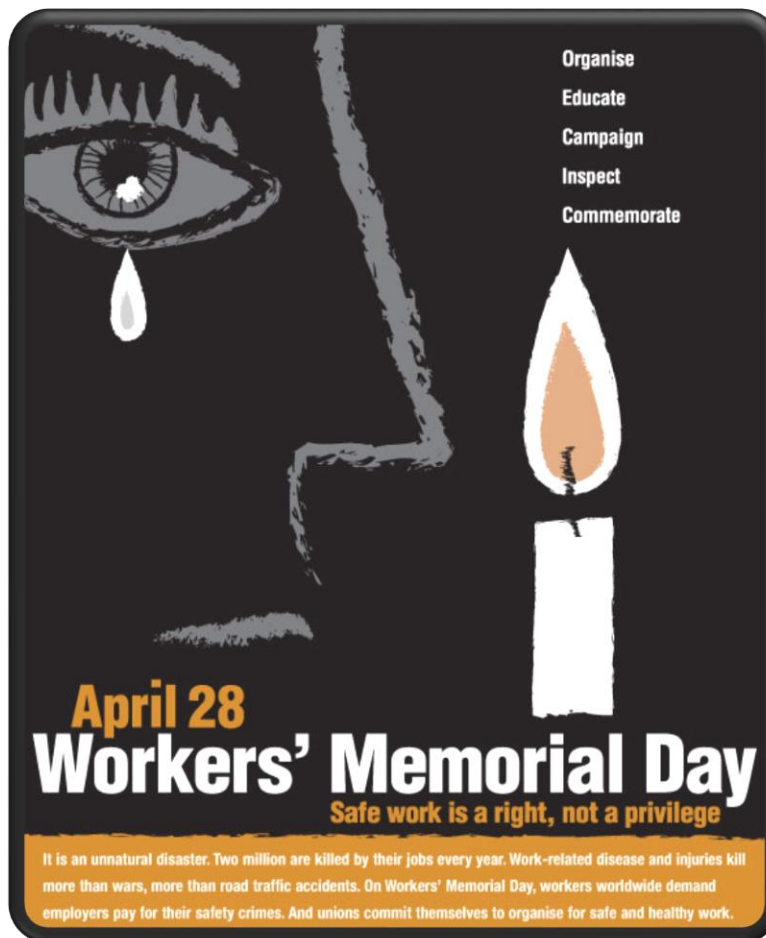
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UNIONS**

**SAVE
LIVES**

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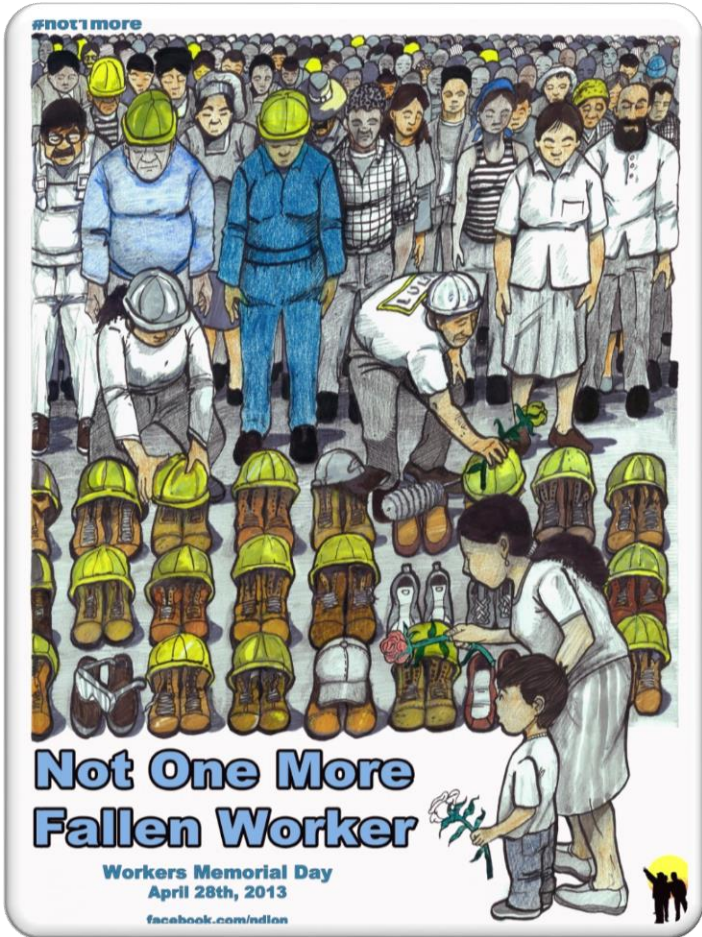
Regional Event/Contact Details
Come and remember those workers who have been killed and injured through work, and hear how we must fight to protect our safety standards that are being eroded away.
Midday at the Town Hall in Leicester
See Ivan Timson for further details.
Mobile: 07934469703





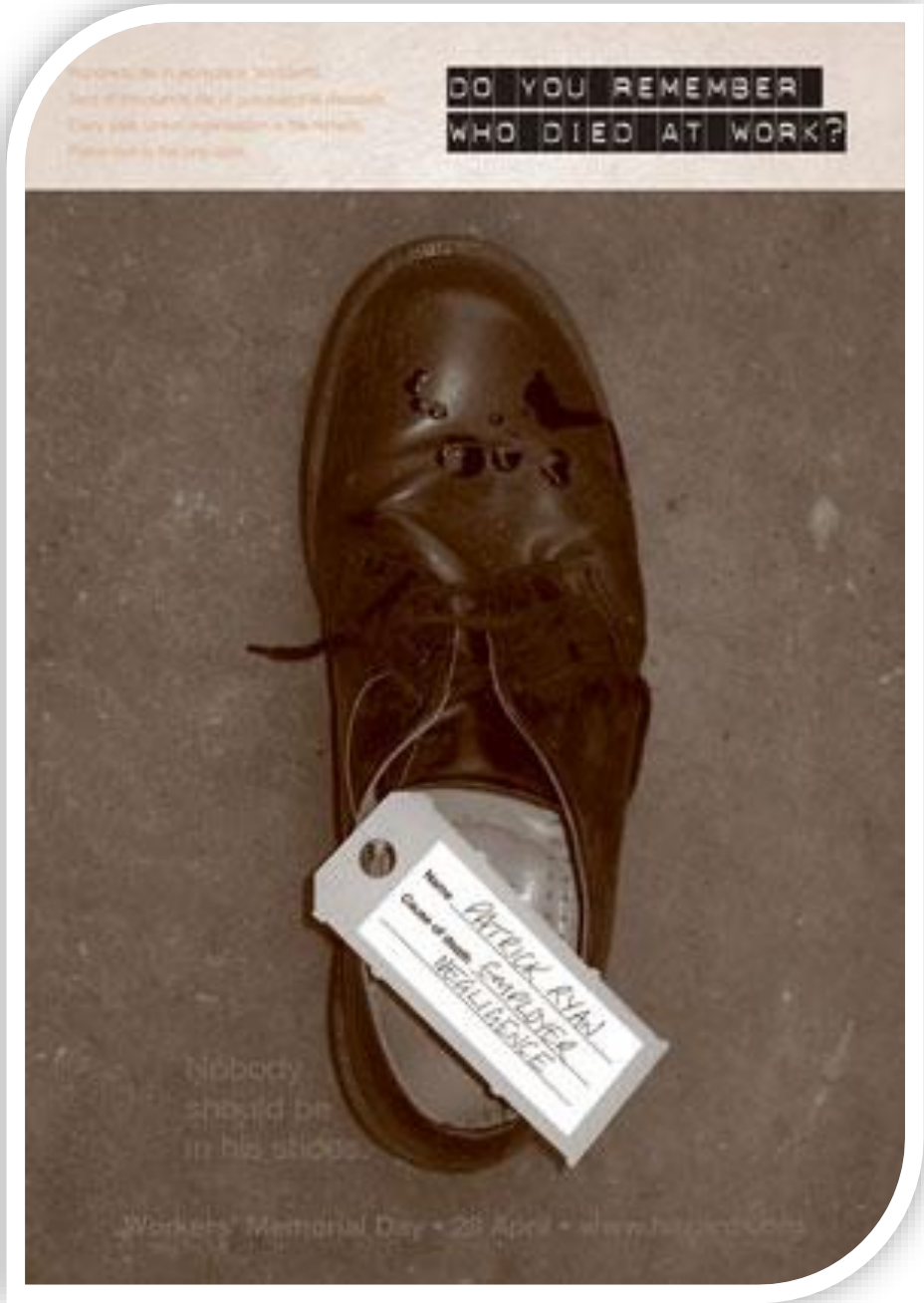


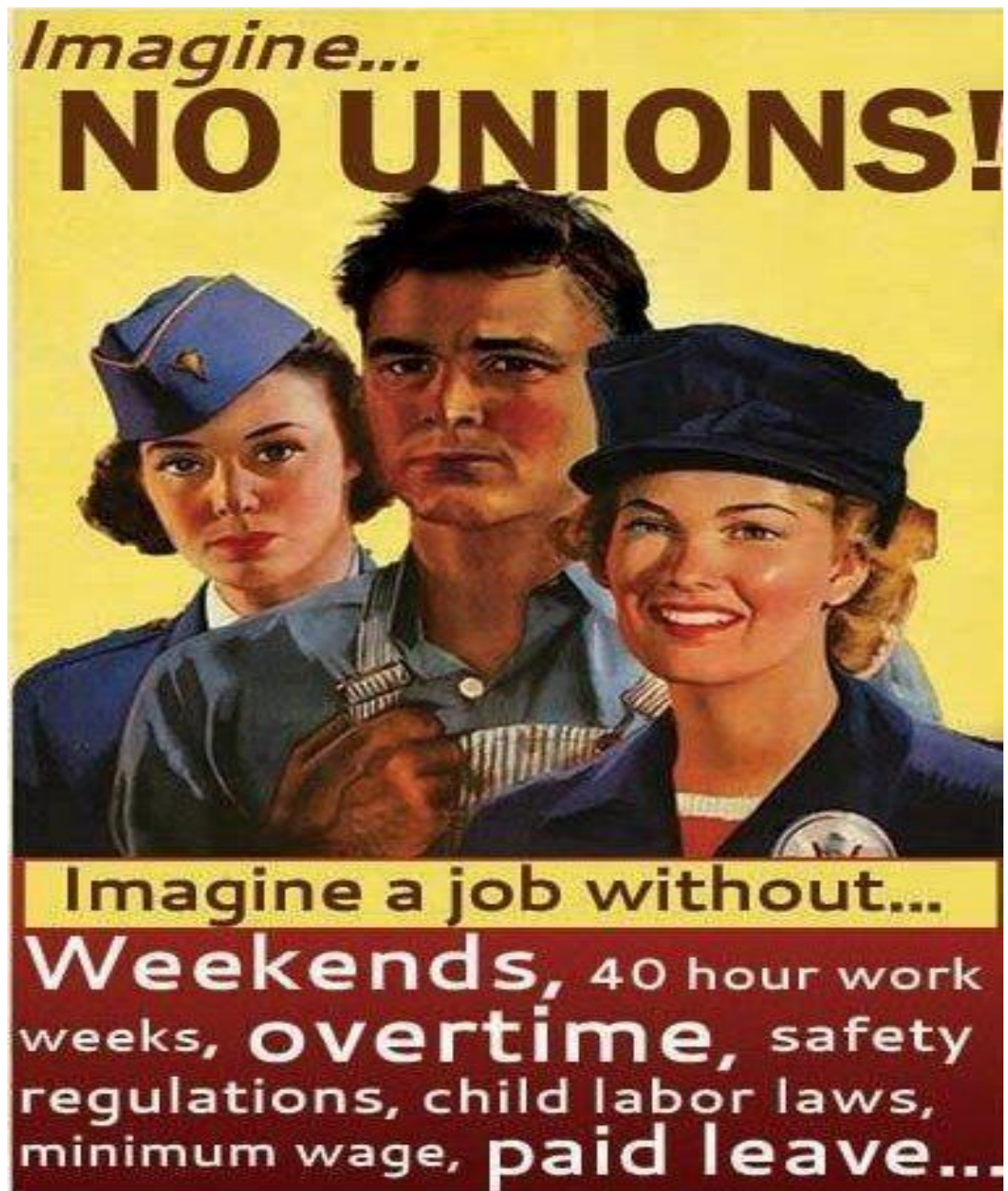






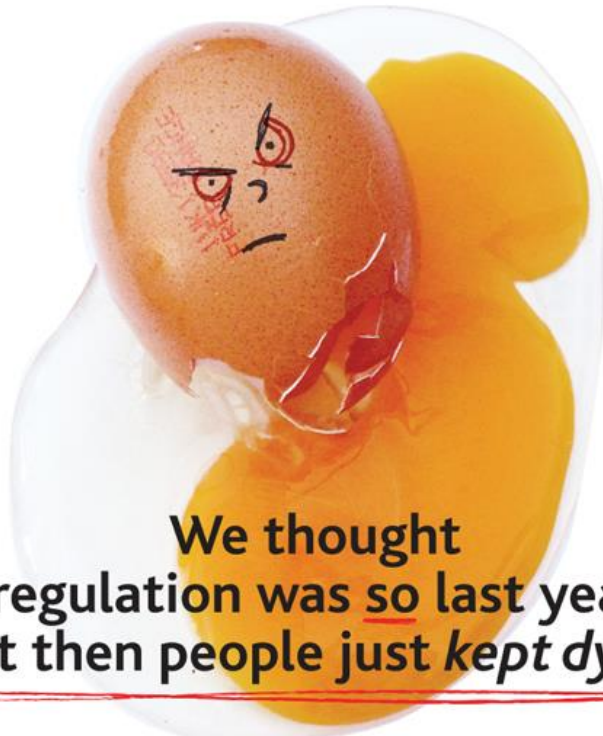
**HAZARDS
MAGAZINE**











**We thought
regulation was so last year.
But then people just *kept dying*.**

It shouldn't take a disaster before they act.

2012: Legionnaires' disease

Two UK outbreaks, over 120 cases and five deaths. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) backtracked and introduced a comprehensive inspection programme.

2012: Record BP fine

The 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster killed 11 and smeared the Gulf of Mexico with oil. BP agreed a \$4bn penalty. It's paid tens of billions more in legal settlements.

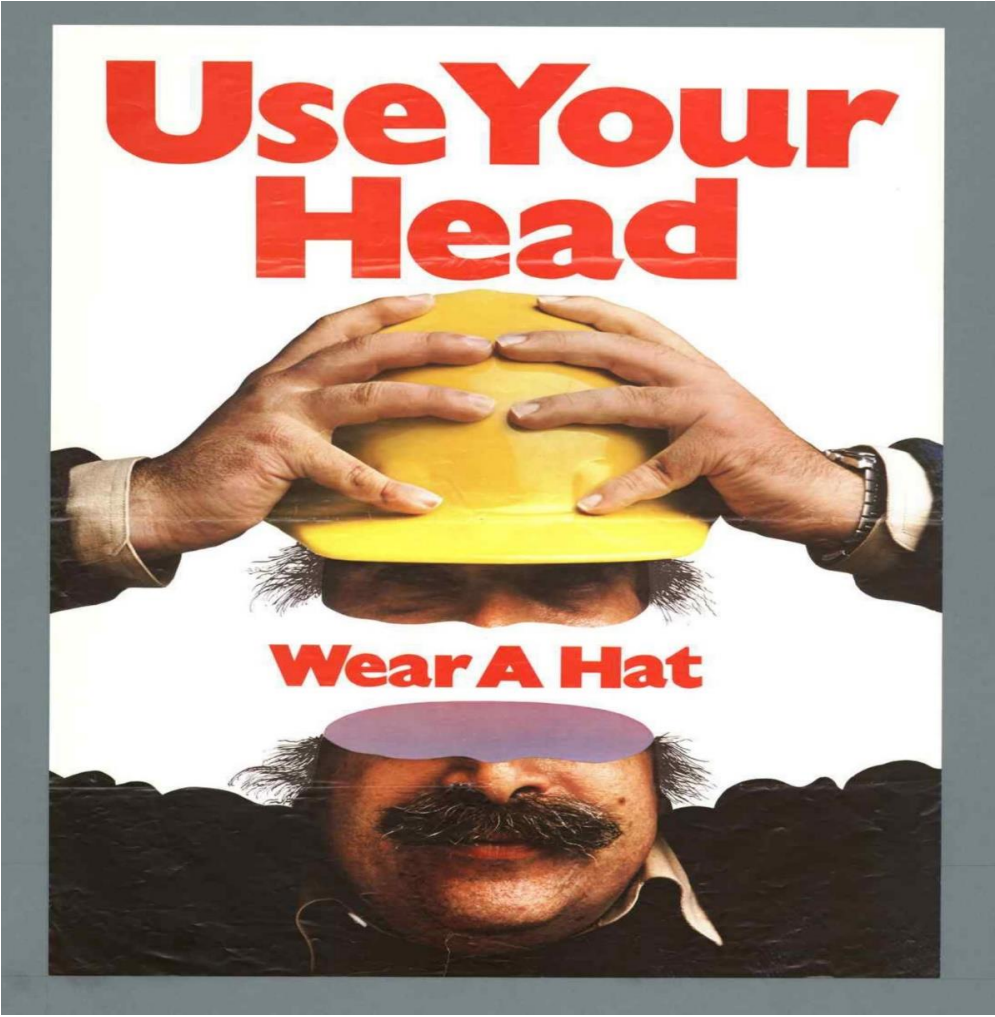
From the Boeing Dreamliner groundings in the US, to Japan's Fukushima nuclear power station meltdown, and the Pike River mine disaster in New Zealand, the problem was too little regulation.

It's a global crisis of enforcement. And it comes at a high cost.

Action is better than reaction
Workers' Memorial Day, 28 April
www.hazards.org/wmd









Everyone's health and safety counts.

Workers' Memorial Day
28 April 2017

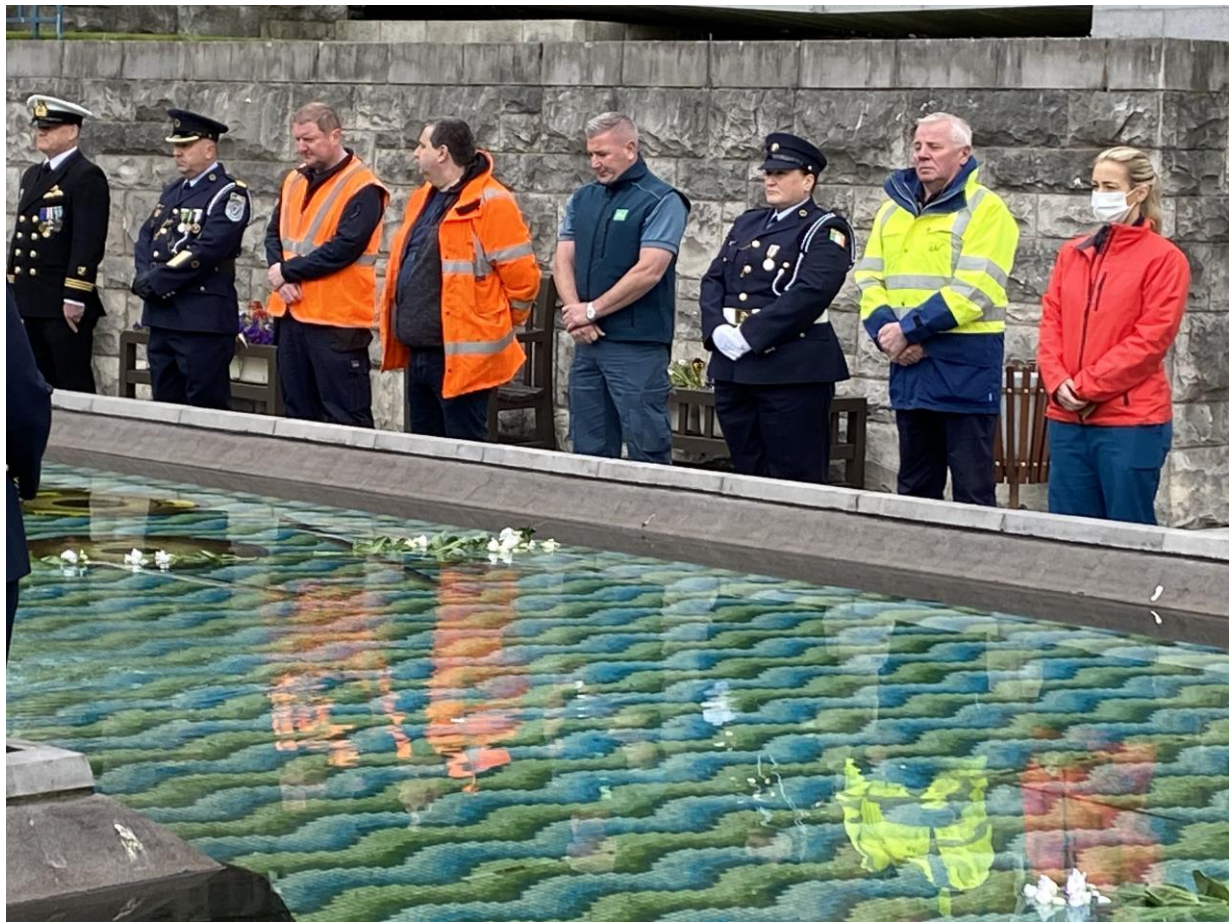
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Workers' Memorial Day Ireland

















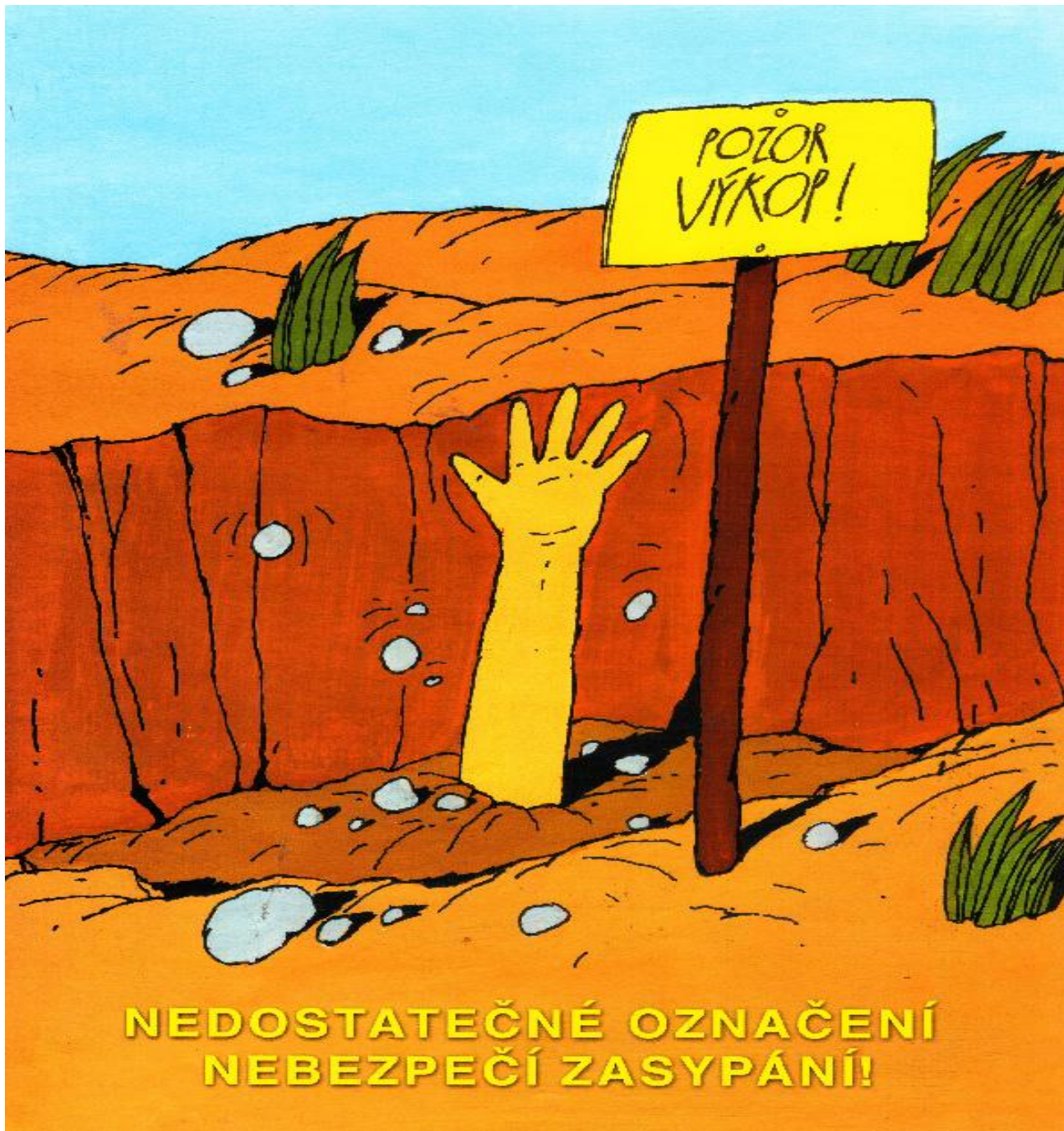
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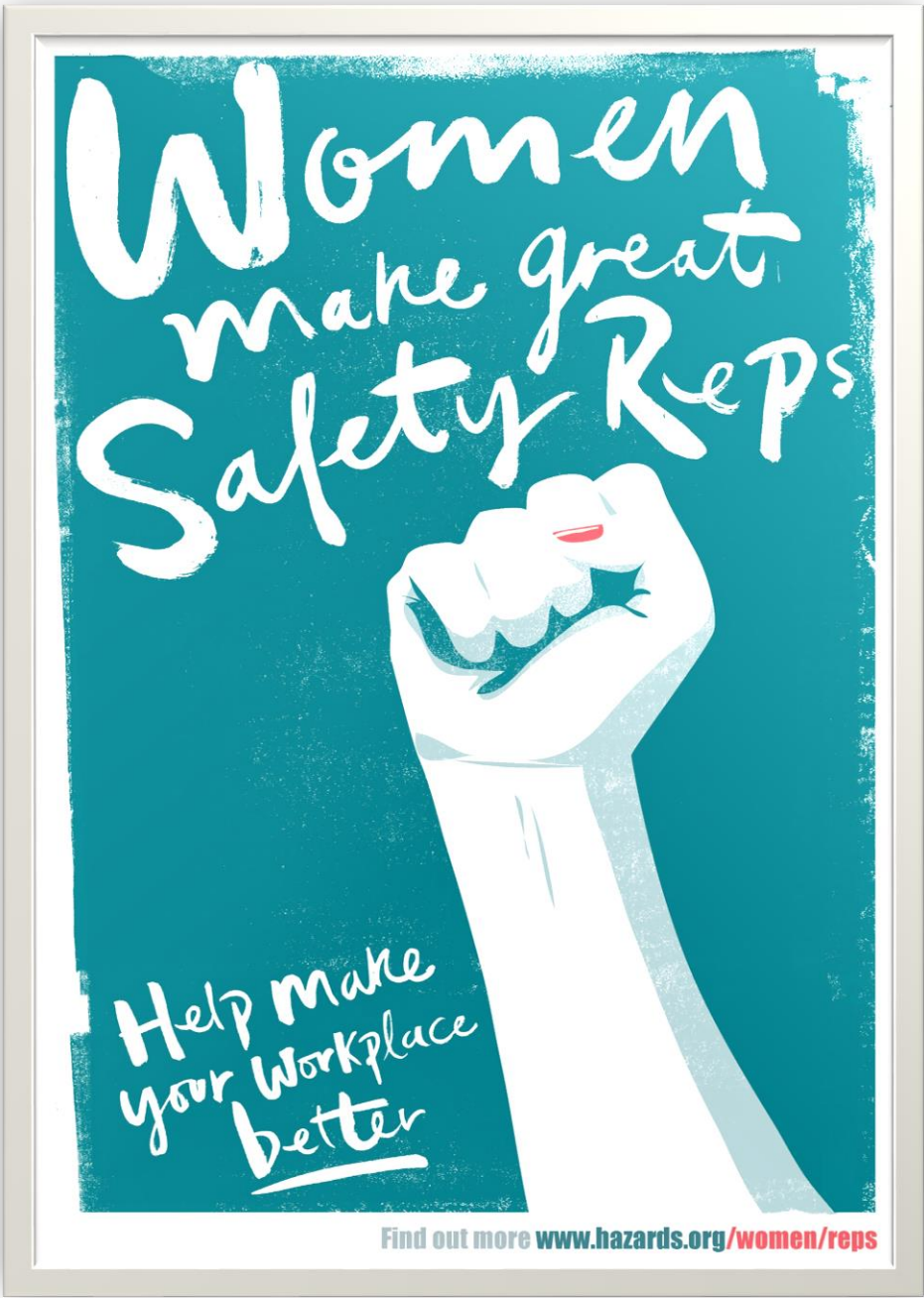






**NEDOSTATEČNÉ OZNAČENÍ
NEBEZPEČÍ ZASYPÁNÍ!**







Resources

- www.hsa/eng/vehicles_at_work/
- www.drivingforwork.ie



- www.hsalearning.ie
- Managing driving for work





Thank you



11th Biennial Conference

Sheraton Hotel, Athlone

Thursday 5th May 2022

