



Occupational Health & Safety Authority

Media Release

OHS Seminar for Architects and Civil Engineers

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The construction industry is a very high risk one, registering the highest incidence of occupational fatalities in the Maltese Islands. New occupational health and safety legislation on temporary and mobile construction sites came into force last year, introducing various new concepts, rights and obligations. For the construction site to be safe, numerous forces are at play. Nevertheless, it is fundamental that safe systems of work are incorporated in the project from the design stage.

To this end, the Occupational Health and Safety Authority is organising a half-day seminar on 'Safety in Building Operations' specifically targeting architects, civil engineers and students reading for a degree in the area. The seminar is being held on Saturday 24 September 2005.

An Irish expert on construction safety, Mr Garrett Croke, from the Health and Safety Authority in Ireland will be giving two keynote speeches during the seminar. He will cover in detail the various aspects of construction safety management and explain what one needs to incorporate in risk assessments, safety reports and safety files – all new requirements of the new legislation.

Ing Anthony Camilleri from the Malta Standards Authority will explicate what one means by safe construction products while Mr David Saliba from the Occupational Health and Safety Authority will explain in detail the legal requirements of Legal Notice 281/2004 pertaining to construction sites.

The seminar will also be addressed by Dr Mark Gauci, the Chief Executive Officer of the Occupational Health and Safety Authority and by Perit David Pace, President of Il-Kamra tal-Periti.

This seminar is funded by the European Commission and is being organised in collaboration with Il-Kamra tal-Periti.

Participation is free of charge but prior booking is required on a first-come first-served basis by not later than Thursday 22 September 2005 at 12.00pm. For booking kindly contact the OHSA on tel: 21 247 677/8 during office hours or email: ohsa.communications@gov.mt

Copies of the pertinent legislation and other information on occupational health and safety may be obtained from the OHSA's website www.ohsa.org.mt

The working language of the seminar will be English.