



Irish Concrete Federation Health and Safety Awards 2018

CALL FOR ENTRIES!



Entry Deadline 30th September 2018
Entry process short and simple!
No initiative is too small!
See www.irishconcrete.ie for more info

Background

The Irish Concrete Federation (ICF) is pleased to invite entries to its Health and Safety Awards Scheme for 2018.

The 2018 Awards Scheme is open to all ICF members and associate members. ICF welcomes entries from members involved in quarrying, ready-mixed concrete manufacture or precast concrete manufacture.

The 2018 Awards Scheme is organised to enable the ICF to acknowledge safety initiatives, in any form, which contribute to the reduction of risk of injury or occupational ill-health among employees and others.

In a change from previous years, the awards will not be for individual locations and there will be no overall location winner. **Rather, awards will be made to companies for innovative or practical steps or initiatives that have been taken to reduce the risk of injury or occupational ill-health among employees and others including, but not confined to, site visitors, customers, contractors, local communities or other road users.**

Examples of areas for which awards may be made include training and education initiatives, publications, communication initiatives, leadership initiatives, technological solutions, engineering or design solutions, stakeholder engagement and workplace changes. **No initiative is too small or too simple.**

The ICF Health & Safety Awards Scheme is an excellent opportunity for ICF member companies to highlight their commitment to health and safety at their locations.

Entry Deadline

NB: Entry Deadline is September 30th 2018. An extension of the entry deadline can be granted in exceptional circumstances only and where expressly agreed in advance with ICF.

Email completed entries to: joanne.boylan@irishconcrete.ie or post to Joanne Boylan, Irish Concrete Federation, Unit 8 Newlands Business Park, Naas Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22

The adjudication of entries will be carried out by an independent judging panel convened by the ICF. It is possible that the judging panel may wish to visit the entrant's location to further inspect an entry or to meet some of the participants in an initiative.

There is no limit to the number of entries a single company can make for the Awards Scheme.

Awards Ceremony

Awards will be made to recipients at a ceremony following the ICF Annual General Meeting in late 2018.

Entry Format

Entries for the Awards Scheme are being kept as simple as possible to encourage a high level of entries. Entries should comprise the following:

- 1. Company Name & Contact Person;**
- 2. Entry Title** - 15 words max;
- 3. Brief Description and Benefits of Initiative** - (suggested maximum: 500 words or 2 A4 pages); The description should demonstrate to the judges where the initiative started, the reasons for the initiative, how success is measured and the final achievement and benefits. Also include any other relevant information;
- 4. Photographs of Initiative** - Maximum 4 high quality photographs – attached to email entry.



Entry Criteria & Practical Examples

Entry for these awards will be subdivided by the independent judging panel into the following categories:



Behavioural Safety / Safety Culture / Leadership / Awareness;

A health and/or safety initiative that demonstrates practical and effective improvement in behavioural safety or safety culture, involving strong and effective leadership.

- e.g. Engaging with employees via Health and/or Safety briefing sessions;
- e.g. Coaching ideas to promote safe behaviours;
- e.g. Communications such as toolbox talks, newsletters, briefings, use of technology, signage, etc.



Worker Involvement in Safety;

A health and/or safety initiative led by workers or that encourages workforce participation.

- e.g. Management led health and/or safety campaign involving workers;
- e.g. Workforce led healthier and/or safer working procedures or interventions;
- e.g. Initiative that demonstrates an improvement in workforce participation.



Engineering Initiatives / Design / Solution;

A practical, innovative or evolutionary engineering design, improvement, modification or solution which has led to a notable elimination or reduction in the risk of injury and/or occupational ill-health.

- e.g. Modifications to reduce risk on plant/mobile plant operation;
- e.g. Practical solutions to eliminate/reduce risk during plant maintenance.



Traffic Management / Transport Safety;

An initiative in safe transport or traffic management to reduce or eliminate the risk of injury and/or occupational ill-health.

- e.g. Traffic management systems;
- e.g. Reducing risks from working at height (inspection, securing loads, cleaning and washing, etc);
- e.g. Ensuring accurate and even distribution when loading;
- e.g. Load security improvements;
- e.g. Vehicle maintenance / housekeeping;
- e.g. Vision aids or systems;
- e.g. Reducing slips, trips and falls when entering and exiting cabs.



Occupational Health & Wellbeing;

Initiative or workplace change having a beneficial impact on the health and/or wellbeing of all or a particular group of workers, and/or others (e.g. contractors) related to the reduction of a significant workplace health risk.

- e.g. Health promotion and education;
- e.g. Automation of a process;
- e.g. Personal health development;
- e.g. Stress management.



General Safety;

An innovative, effective and practical health and/or safety initiative, not necessarily covered in the above criteria.

