

LONE WORKERS 'STAYSAFE' WITH SMARTPHONE APP

One of Ireland's largest water solutions companies, Celtic Anglian Water, has launched the smartphone app 'StaySafe', to protect their out-of-hours staff who operate alone. The launch of the app will replace a traditional buddy system which the utilities company identified as an outdated method to protect their lone workers.

The StaySafe app and surrounding cloud-based monitoring service tracks a lone worker's location in real-time and alerts their manager if they do not check-in within a specified time. Staff are also prompted to check-in via the app every half an hour, ensuring that Celtic Anglian Water receives regular positive affirmation that staff are safe and not in need of assistance.

"Ensuring the safety of our employees is of top priority, especially due to the high-risk nature of the water industry," comments Padraic Dolan, HSEQ Manager at Celtic Water. "Our workers out in the field now feel reassured that they will receive help should they ever require it even in remote areas or while working out of hours."

Celtic Anglian Water chose to launch an app as their staff carry smartphones daily, and so the phone-based solution fits well into their working routine hesays. To ensure staff remember to use the app, they displayed posters at worksites to remind their employees to start a session before they begin work.

Additionally, workers are also able link the app via Bluetooth to a small wearable button so that they can signal for help quickly and without needing to access their phones.

Don Cameron, CEO of StaySafe, adds "Employees in the utilities and field services sectors can be vulnerable as they are frequently required to work and travel to sites alone, often outside of normal working hours.

"We're seeing a big trend in the sector of companies moving away from buddy systems and dedicated safety devices towards apps because of the prevalent use of smartphones in the workplace. StaySafe provides a way for organisations to know exactly where staff are and if they are safe – with the added bonus of using equipment staff already carry."



About StaySafe: StaySafe is a smartphone app and cloud-based monitoring service which tracks employee location via GPS or satellite and alerts their employer if they do not check-in within a specified time. The app offers a wide range of functions including panic button, check-in, man-down and duress alerts. StaySafe currently protects the lives of thousands of employees within both major brands and small businesses, in more than 25 countries.

About Celtic Anglian Water: Celtic Anglian Water (CAW) is a water solutions company which provides treatment services across Ireland.

CAW employees work across a range of offices and treatment plants across Ireland and the UK. With measures put in place to minimise the requirement for lone working, some elements of work still require CAW employees to attend sites during late hours when there is little or no direct supervision or support.

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