

EDITOR'S COMMENT

The new online facility www.workpositive.ie is an update to the Health and Safety Authority's existing workplace stress tool, for protecting the psychological health and safety of those workers likely to be exposed to critical incidents at work.

This latest initiative – WorkPositiveCI – is the first psychosocial risk management framework to be introduced in Europe, which is specific to critical incidents and incorporates a free, easy-to-use, innovative, and most importantly a confidential online process.

Rolled out by the State Claims Agency (SCA) in association with CISM Network Ireland and the Health and Safety Authority (HSA), it provides feedback on workplace stressors, employee psychological wellbeing and critical incident exposure in the workplace. It also guides organisations to develop an action plan to mitigate against these stressors.

Since 2002, the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) has provided a comprehensive framework for the assessment of psychosocial risk, based on a set of management standards, which looks at the six primary sources of stress at work.

The first seminar on the new framework took place in early May at Our Lady's Hospice in Harolds Cross. And no doubt many more information events will be held to outline the benefits of this latest initiative to those involved in HR, employee assistance, wellbeing, and critical incident support across a range of both state and voluntary agencies.

On a final note – as you delve into our latest issue – page 13 includes details on how you can boost your safety culture with a behavioural safety workshop, courtesy of Theatre at Work.

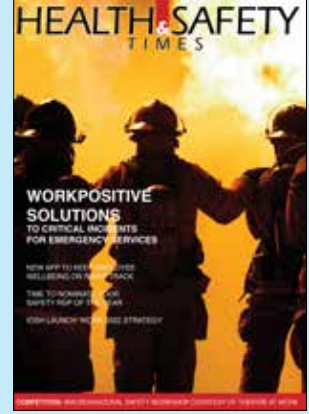
You'll get to experience a two-hour workshop, suitable for up to 50 participants, and the 'Theatre at Work' team will travel to your premises anywhere in the Republic of Ireland.

Entries need to be in by Friday 23 June – so best of luck to all entrants!

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