

Work Programme 2023-2024

The pursuit of ever-higher health and safety (H&S) standards is a strategic priority for the ESA.

Following the delivery of our previous H&S work programmes, this revised work programme supports the ESA's wider H&S Strategy through the formation of eight new working groups, each focussed on a key area of risk over the next 18 months.

ESA will continue to support the WISH (Waste Industry Safety & Health) Forum, particularly on a review of guidance on safe transport.

1 Workplace violence & aggression (WVA)

Produce ESA guidance sharing good practice in training, reporting and in communications to raise awareness of WVA. Work with the police to raise the profile of the issue and devise an intervention process.

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2 Improving welfare facilities

Develop a guide to demonstrate the standard of welfare facilities expected within the waste industry and create an accompanying checklist.

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3 Mental health campaign

Head Start - a personal readiness and resilience campaign to promote positive mental health in the Waste & Recycling industry.

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4 Situational awareness

Situational Awareness aims to heighten people's understanding of the most common causes of incidents across our sector through innovative and informative visual content to prevent and reduce injury and ill-health.

Project lead:



5 H&S implications of use/maintenance of electric fleet and charging infrastructure

Electric vehicles are a new technology being introduced in the recycling and waste management industry. Produce guidance to support the design, operation and maintenance of an electric fleet.

Project lead:



6 Process fire safety

Evaluate current fire system approaches for Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) and carry out a risk based approach to identify key assets that require fire protection. Produce guidance on the safe handling and extinguishing of lithium battery fires.

Project lead:



7 WISH Waste 09 review

Review and update WISH WASTE 09 to provide on-site transport safety guidance for operational sites, which uses a risk hierarchy approach.

Project lead:



8 Street cleansing traffic management

Produce a training matrix for traffic management arrangements associated with street cleansing activities.

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