



Pat Griffin

Senior Inspector

Company Name: Health and Safety Authority

Dates Employed: Apr 1991 – Present

Employment Duration: 29 yrs 9 mos

After working in underground mining for over 10 years, I joined the HSA in 1991 as an Inspector for Mines & Quarries. Following approximately 10 years doing Inspection & Accident Investigation type work in all sectors including mining, quarrying, construction and agriculture. I was regional manager with an excellent team of Inspectors for the North East for over 5 years. With this experience dealing with all sectors I then went into a more prevention type role within the Authority.

I then spent some time as the HSA policy lead for Machinery CE Marking, ATEX, Manual Handling & MSD's, Slips/Trips/Falls, the Signs Directive and the Fishing Sector.

I currently lead the prevention role in the Authority for Agriculture, Forestry, Mining, Quarrying and Explosives. I am committed to worker safety in all sectors of society with a particular focus currently on farm safety. I have a particular interest in preventing child & elderly deaths on farms and influencing the national and EU approach to farm safety. You can see material developed for my area of responsibility on the sector pages of the HSA website www.hsa.ie. This material was generally developed in consultation with the farming sector through our Farm Safety Partnership Advisory Committee and in the Mining & Quarrying Sector in consultation with the Quarry Safety Partnership. A core belief is getting workers & employers to approach & improve safety at work for the right reasons.

With extensive experience with EU Committees and also some experience with the ILO, I am currently the Science Communication Manager with the SACURIMA COST Action on farm safety. This COST Action is now bringing outcomes of its research network to policymakers to improve OSH in Agriculture across Europe and further afield. You can view SACURIMA activity and policy recommendations at www.sacurima.eu