

**SUMMARY OF ALL SAFETY EVENTS**

Summary of all Safety Events for the period 2003-2011

Table 1 (see table 5 below for definitions of the following where required)

All HFRS Personnel Total 1850	2003- 2004	2004- 2005	2006- 2007	2007- 2008	2008- 2009	2009- 2010	2010- 2011
Number of safety events with work time lost due to injury	66	64	42	135	42	35	35
Number of safety events with injuries but no work time lost	179	95	32	81	79	56	72
Total number of safety events with injuries	245	159	74	216	121	91	107
Number of safety events with no injury (near miss)	37	23	19	31	28	33	50
Total all safety events	282	182	93	247	149	124	157

From the above safety events we have also monitored the following trends

Table 2 (see table 5 below for definitions of the following where required)

All HFRS Personnel Total 1850	2003- 2004	2004- 2005	2006- 2007	2007- 2008	2008- 2009	2009- 2010	2010- 2011
Days lost through injuries	940	611	452	309	412.5	295	305
Occupational illness	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
Number of reportable safety events (RIDDOR)	35	28	31	25	38	20	24

## Summary of all Safety Events by quarter for the period 2010-2011

**Table 3 (see table 5 below for definitions of the following where required)**

All HFRS Personnel <b>Total 1850</b>	Previous Year 2009 to 2010	1st Quarter 2010 (Apr-Jun)	2nd Quarter 2010 (Jul-Sep)	3rd Quarter 2010 (Oct-Dec)	4th Quarter 2011 (Jan-Mar)	Annual Total 2010/11
Number of safety events with work time lost due to injury	35	16	5	8	6	35
Total of safety events with injuries	56	26	16	21	9	72
Number of safety events with work time lost due to injury	91	42	21	29	15	107
Number of safety events with injuries but no work time lost	124	59	33	43	22	157

**From the above safety events we have also monitored the following trends**

**Table 4 (see table 5 below for definitions of the following where required)**

All HFRS Personnel <b>Total 1850</b>	Previous Year 2009 to 2010	1st Quarter 2010 (Apr-Jun)	2nd Quarter 2010 (Jul-Sep)	3rd Quarter 2010 (Oct-Dec)	4th Quarter 2011 (Jan-Mar)	Annual Total 2010/11
Days lost through injuries	295	90	70	85	60	305
Occupational Illness	2	0	0	0	0	0
Number of reportable safety events (RIDDOR)	20	12	2	4	6	24

### Analysis

The long term trend shows a positive reduction in the number safety events and the number of lost working days due to injury from those safety events. The number of events for the last year has shown a slight increase on the previous year but you will note that the total number of events year on year, as shown in Table 1, is subject to some fluctuation.

A promising indicator is the increase in the number of near miss events that we are receiving. This may reflect an improving reporting culture for work related safety events and we hope to continue this trend, though this may lead to an overall increase in the number of reported events. However this will better inform our actions to prevent reoccurrence and so support our on-going reduction in injuries and lost working days due to those injuries.

## Definitions

**Table 5**

Classification	
No injury/near miss and dangerous occurrences	Safety events that did not result in any injury – these include near misses, where nothing happened but could have; dangerous occurrences where damage to property occurred.
Work time lost injuries	Injuries that resulted in time away from work
No work time lost injuries	Injuries where staff returned to work
Occupational Illness	A safety event was the result of or resulted in an occupational health illness such as repetitive strain injury
Number of reportable safety events (RIDDOR)	Please see explanation below

### **Reporting of Injuries Disease and Dangerous Occurrences (RIDDOR)**

Under RIDDOR, employers and other responsible people who have control over employees and work premises have certain responsibilities.

If any of the following events occur at work, employers and other responsible people must report the incident to the relevant enforcing authority.

#### **What has to be reported?**

If incidents involving staff, patients, contractors and visitors fall within these criteria, they should be reported under RIDDOR.

- Deaths
- Major injuries (i.e. broken bones etc.)
- Accidents resulting in over three-day injuries
- Diseases
- Dangerous occurrences
- Gas incidents

It should be noted that the majority of RIDDORS reported by HFRS come under the 3 day absence category.

It is expected that the HSE will amend this from 3 days to 7 days in the new year, this will subsequently reduce the number of RIDDORS we report