



## CONTRACTOR'S SAFETY STATEMENT & RISK ASSESSEMENTS

### Background

The Contractor Briefing Note (GUI-02), issued in March 2018, stated that the Contractors Safety Statement and Risk Assessments must be held on site at all times.

In June 2018 Coillte issued a Safety Notice (OHSMS SN05) to all its Contractors which stated that "All Contractors have a legal obligation under section 19 of *The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005* to complete risk assessments for the work they carry out. Site specific risk assessments must be completed prior to commencement of all work carried out on Coillte sites."

A copy of SN05 is appended for reference.

### What Happened

There have been five **Red** rated Safety Audits so far this year, carried out by Coillte's Quality Assessors across the BAUs, highlighting the fact that Contractors or their sub contractors are not complying with this legal requirement.

### Findings

The main reasons for the Red audits were that Contractors or their Sub-Contractors did not have:

- Site Specific Risk Assessment; and/or
- Safety Statement

### Corrective Action

Due to the seriousness of this safety issue, Coillte have now decided that any Contractor or Sub-Contractor found, by the Quality Assessors, on an operational site without their specific Risk Assessment will be placed on the Breach Register system and will be suspended from site.

### Learning Points

Please ensure that your Risk Assessments are site specific and are stored in your site file(s) at all times.

Your Safety Statement should also be on your operational site(s) at all times.

The main Contractor is responsible for ensuring that their Sub-Contractor(s) comply.

Each Sub-Contractor must have their own Safety Statement and Risk Assessments

Please Don't Walk By



**Ensure this Safety Alert is brought to the attention of all employees and sub-contractors**