

Memorandum of Understanding between the Health & Safety Authority and An Garda Síochána

The purpose of this Memorandum is to ensure the effective investigation of serious incidents where workers lives have been endangered.

Employers, occupiers and other persons have primary responsibility for the health and safety of individuals who may be affected by work activity.

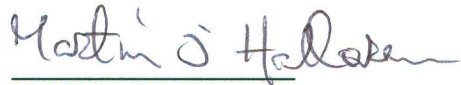
The functions of An Garda Síochána are to provide policing and security services for the State. The functions are outlined in Section 7 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005.

The Health and Safety Authority has responsibility in relation to the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 (the 2005 Act) and several codes of legislation. If an incident or accident involves a breach of the 2005 Act or other health and safety legislation then Inspectors from the Authority will take appropriate enforcement action.

An Garda Síochána and the Health and Safety Authority will co-operate, in so far as reasonably practicable, to ensure the effective enforcement of relevant legislation. Both bodies should share information and co-operate with each other, in so far as reasonably practicable, to maximise the quality of the investigation and any subsequent prosecution. In such cases, the Garda Superintendent in charge and the relevant Inspector from the Health and Safety Authority should liaise at the earliest possible opportunity and agree on the course of action to be followed.

Signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding

Signed:



MARTIN O'HALLORAN
Chief Executive Officer
Health and Safety Authority

Date: 8th September 2014

Signed:



NÓIRÍN O'SULLIVAN
Commissioner
An Garda Síochána

Date: 8th September 2014

