

Safety Representative Role



A Safety Representative is an employee elected/selected by their fellow employees, whose main role is to represent them to management on occupational safety & health issues.

The Safety Representative provides a direct communication link between the employer and employees on safety issues that may be identified through workplace inspections or through communications with colleagues.

Safety Representatives are allowed time off from their work, without loss of earnings, to attend training and to undertake the functions of a Safety Representative, as agreed by Management.



While the law does not put a responsibility on Safety Representatives to ensure better safety and health, it does afford those who get involved the opportunity to promote better practices in their workplace.

Safety Representatives.....

- Can make representations to the employer on matters relating to safety, health and welfare, on behalf of their colleagues
- May become a member of the local Health & Safety Committee, if one is in place

Safety Representative training is provided by the National Health & Safety Function to:

- Assist the safety representatives to effectively discharge their role
- Increase awareness and knowledge in all aspects of health and safety

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