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| This is an annual, national awareness campaign aimed at promoting positive safety and health amongst Ireland’s 170,000+ construction workers, clients, and industry stakeholders. This year’s campaign runs from 14th October to the 25th of October, and this year’s specific theme focuses on Managing Critical Risks. The goal is to generate engagement amongst CIF members and Coincidentally, October 14th is the start of Restart a Heart Week and so, with a focus on health and wellbeing, we will partner with the Irish Heart Foundation to promote heart health and encourage contractors to train staff in CPR – Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation in a Hands for Life initiative non-members alike, to further promote a culture of safety, health and wellbeing in construction. |
| **Topic: Managing Critical Risks** |
| **What is a critical risk?**  Critical risks are activities we undertake frequently that, if not controlled, could lead to significant injury or fatality.  As part of this safety campaign, we are asking construction companies and workers of all sectors to examine fundamental safety questions such as:  **• Do you know your critical risks?** **• Have you controls in place to manage these risks?** **• Are your colleagues aware of these risks?** **• Are the controls in place to protect safety adequate?** **• And not forgetting health!**  The CIF have identified 5 examples of areas to focus on Critical Risks:   * **Electrical-** to eliminate or minimise the risks associated with the uncontrolled release of electrical energy from high voltage (HV) and low voltage (LV) electrical work where there is the risk of a fatality or serious injury from a person being electrocuted or burned by the uncontrolled release of electrical energy. * **Work At Height** - to eliminate or minimise the risks of falls from a height of one or more people falling off an unguarded edge, object, structure or opening that is likely to result in fatalities or injuries arising from working at height or from mobile elevated work platforms (MEWP). * **Heart Health -** to educate and raise awareness on Heart Health by promoting a Healthy lifestyle and diet. Refer to the Irish Heart Foundation’s website for more information. * **Mental Health** – to educate and raise awareness on Mental Health and to provide Mental Health First aid training. Refer to The Lighthouse Charity’s website for more information. * **Plant & Machinery** **–** to eliminate or minimise the risks associated with the operation and movement of Plant & Machinery within construction sites including heavy equipment, fixed and mobile plant where the adverse impacts could result in a fatality or serious injury.   We are asking all members and partners to review their risk assessments to ensure they have identified and have the control measure in place to manage their critical risk. |