

Food and Drink Health and Safety Awards 2020



Celebrating success – winning with workers

Sponsored by the IOSH Food and Drink Industries Group, these awards recognise innovative projects which have produced a practical solution to, and made a positive impact on, an occupational safety and health problem in the food and drink manufacturing industry. The IOSH Food and Drink Industries Group is a member of the Food and Drink Manufacture Forum (FDMF) and these awards support the FDMF's Common Strategy 2016–21. International entries are very welcome.

Who can apply

Entry is open to anyone working in the food and drink manufacturing industry anywhere in the world, including occupational safety and health experts, engineers, process operators, managers and workers' safety representatives. Judges are keen to receive entries from countries other than the UK so that we can showcase good practice and learn from your experience.

Your project must be original and unpublished. The intellectual property rights of the project remain with you or your employer. You're responsible for making sure you have your employer's approval for sending in your entry. You can enter the awards either as an individual or as a team. Previous entries may be resubmitted.

Entry is free. The entry form is straightforward and easy to complete. Entry for the awards is a great way to celebrate your success in tackling an occupational safety and health issue at your workplace. And, if you're selected as a winner or runner-up, you can share that success with colleagues in the wider industry.

What are the judges looking for?

Your entry should tackle a proven occupational safety and health need in your workplace. You must tell us what the problem was, what you did to tackle the problem, how exactly the intervention worked and the effect it had in your workplace. The judges will give extra weight to entries which can demonstrate other business benefits in addition to the intended improvement to health or safety and to entries which show evidence of effective leadership and/or good employee engagement.

What you could win?

The first prize is a trophy, certificate and a cheque for £750. At the judges' discretion, one or two runners-up may each receive a trophy, certificate and a cheque for £250.

We'll present the awards at the dinner on the first evening of the national food and drink manufacturing health and safety conference at Doubletree by Hilton Forest Pines Spa & Golf Resort, Ermine Street, Broughton, Brigg, Lincolnshire, DN20 0AQ on 06–07 October 2020. A representative from the winner and each runner-up will get a free conference place, a ticket to the awards dinner, up to two nights of accommodation and up to £500 towards travel expenses. They will have the opportunity to give a brief presentation on their project at the start of day two of the conference.

Who are the judges?

The entries will be judged by members of the FDMF i.e. representatives from the IOSH Food and Drink Industries Group, trade associations, unions and the HSE.

How to enter

Complete the entry form, with answers restricted to the space provided. Attach any other documents or evidence in support of your entry. The judges may need to visit your site as part of the assessment process. Send your entry to the Networks team, IOSH, The Grange, Wigston, Leicestershire, LE18 1NN, UK, or email networks@iosh.com

If you have any questions, email julie.littlejohns@iosh.com

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