

John Gordon Award Entries 'Questions and Answers'

1. What is the John Gordon 'Safety Person of the Year' Award all about?

Everyone has an important role to play in relation to health and safety in their company or organisation.

The Northern Ireland Safety Group recognises the important contributions that many individuals make towards safety, health, well-being and incident prevention.

The John Gordon 'Safety Person of the Year' Award is designed to celebrate the individual who has made a significant contribution to health and safety in their workplace in the last year.

As well as a winner, there may, at the judges' discretion, be 'Highly Commended' Award(s) made for entries which have demonstrated outstanding contribution to, or leadership in, health and safety but who have not won the 'Safety Person of the Year' Award.

2. Who is eligible to enter?

The spirit of the Award is to honour the individual who goes above and beyond their role in the pursuit of good health and safety, therefore anyone can be nominated!

There are no restrictions on who can win. Applications for all individuals will be treated in exactly the same way, including managers (however senior) who have gone the extra mile and demonstrated superior safety leadership.

Nominations are particularly welcomed from those who do not work directly in a health and safety role and who do not have a health and safety qualification higher than a NEBOSH Certificate or its equivalent.

3. Can I enter at any stage of the year?

Yes – your entry can be submitted to the judges up to 5pm on Friday 26th September 2025 and will be judged at the beginning of October. So, for example, if your entry is submitted in March 2025, it will go forward for judging in early October 2025.

4. Can I submit multiple entries?

You can submit as many different entries from your company or organisation as long as the content of each entry differs.

5. Can I nominate someone from another company or organisation?

No – the nomination must come from within the nominee's own company or organisation. However, it would also be acceptable to nominate someone from within your supply chain.

6. Can I enter off-line?

No – however, the supporting evidence can be submitted off-line if necessary.

7. What sort of evidence do I need to provide with my entry?

This is best chosen by you, but you could use examples such as risk assessments or other safety documents, photographs, work plans, feedback/comment cards which directly link the nominee and entry information to this evidence.