

Northern Ireland Safety Group
Guidelines for entries for the John Gordon 'Safety Person of the Year' Award
2025

1. Entries are welcomed from any companies/organisations that:
 - a) Are a paid up NISG member organisation
 - b) Are operating in Northern Ireland, including companies/organisations that have live projects within the UK and Ireland, even if the company/organisation is head- quartered elsewhere; and
 - c) Wish to nominate an individual in relation to any health and safety initiative, project, potential incident or event that occurred within the UK and Ireland.
2. Entries are welcomed at any stage throughout the year. Judging takes place at the beginning of October 2025. The presentation of Award(s) will take place at the NISG Conference / Awards Dinner at La Mon Hotel, Belfast on Thursday 6th November 2025. The nominator of the winning entry will be notified in advance of the proposed NISG event for the award presentation and a free ticket will be issued for the winning nominee(s). Additional tickets for the event can be purchased via NISG.
3. Your evidence must focus on the nominee's role and demonstrate how their actions contributed to a safety improvement.
4. Companies/organisations can submit an unlimited number of entries each year. Nominations can relate to a one-off incident or event, a process, or a longer-term project or initiative, such as a leadership initiative, relating to health and safety.
5. The recipient will be chosen by a judging panel (selected by Northern Ireland Safety Group's Executive Committee) and the overall winner will be the person they feel has made the greatest contribution towards health and safety in their organisation.
6. Judges will be appointed at the discretion of the Northern Ireland Safety Group Executive Committee.
7. The judges' decision is final.
8. As judges are participating in this Award on a voluntary basis, they will not be able to enter into correspondence with nominators either pre or post entry.
9. The judges will have set criteria to judge the entries on, as per the entry form.
10. No one from a judge's organisation can be entered for the Award. Those approached as potential judges by Northern Ireland Safety Group can decline the offer should they prefer to enter one of their employees.
11. Since the nominees are unaware that they have been nominated, the judges may select an alternative entry if the original recipient does not wish to accept the Award. By accepting the award, the winner is deemed to have consented to feature in NISG publicity surrounding the award.
12. Entries can only be made on-line.
13. Documentary evidence to support an entry is essential and this may form part of the PR available to the winning entry.

14. A nominator can nominate more than 1 person (as long as they are on different nomination forms) and reference different content.
15. The nominator can nominate anyone from within their organisation. However, 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.
16. Provided they are not part of the judging panel, Northern Ireland Safety Group Committee members are allowed to enter people from their own organisations if they wish.
17. In addition to the winning entry, the judges may consider other entries to have demonstrated an outstanding contribution to Health and Safety, which may be recognised with a 'Highly Commended' award.