

Hi-Safe!

The Information Newsletter of Skyway - Ireland's Safe Access Equipment Professionals

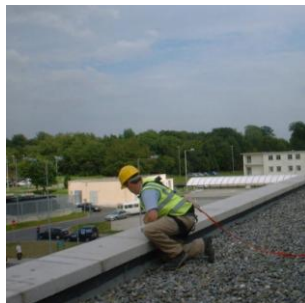
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Welcome to Hi-Safe! - the new information newsletter of Skyway, Ireland's Safe Access Equipment Professionals.

Here you will find news and views about our industry. We've also got some interesting photographs to show you, plus a wealth of information and facts about the latest Skyway projects and systems, including the most up-to-the-minute design trends and tips for safer roof access.

In this 'New Year' edition we focus on Fall Prevention Systems and introduce you to our successful work on the Dunne's Stores Head Office project in Stephen's Green, Dublin. We'd also like to briefly tell you about our FREE design and consultancy service.

We hope that you get as much enjoyment out of reading Hi-Safe! as we got from putting it all together for you. And if you see anything in this edition that you'd like to know more about, or if you'd simply just like us to meet you for a chat to tell you more about what Skyway can do for you, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Kieran Meegan,
Managing Director, Skyway.

We'll be delighted to hear from you.



Did You Know That The World's Tallest Building is 31 Years Old On 2nd April?

The world's tallest free-standing tower is the CN Tower in Toronto, Canada, which rises to a mighty 553.34 m (1,815 ft 5 in). The 185-storey, reinforced concrete building was designed by the Australian architect John Andrews. Work began on the 130,000-tonne building on February 12, 1973 and was finished on April 2, 1975. The tower includes a 416-seat restaurant, which revolves in a "Sky Pod" at 351 m (1,150 ft). Two million people visit the CN Tower every year.



In 2005 we worked on the rooftops of Bank of Ireland Asset Management, Mespil Road, Dublin.

Skyway provided: Cradle, Abseiling Equipment, Guardrails and Cables for this project. We invite you to visit the back page of this newsletter and see if you can recognise the rooftop locations of some of our other major projects in 2005.

FREE System Design

Skyway is the only Irish company that provides in-house design and full drafting services.

Architects simply forward their latest roof plans to us by email and we produce our system drawings with full details of all post types that are fixed to the roof.

All designs are covered by our Professional Indemnity Insurance - most of our competitors do not carry PI insurance, nor do they provide the same level of service that you can expect to receive from Skyway.

Like to find out more?

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Skyway: Drumbaragh, Kells, Co Meath.

What does Dundalk's Town Hall have in common with the George's Quay development in Dublin?



Yes! That's right! You've guessed it correctly! Skyway worked on both of these projects!

Actually, the suspended platform system on the George's Quay development in Dublin (pictured above) is the largest single project undertaken by us to date. It's had huge public impact and has attracted very favourable comments.

But not many people know that the system was designed in our office, with machines and components subsequently sourced by us from the UK, Holland, Italy and Canada.

Other important Skyway projects include the majority of the buildings at Custom House Quay, Dublin, including the Clarion Hotel, NCI, A & L Goodbody and others.

And looking further afield, Skyway projects throughout Ireland include; Abbot Longford, Eli Lilly Cork, Dell Limerick, Intel Leixlip, State Laboratory Backweston, University Hospital Cork, K-Club Kildare, Civic Museum Galway, Air Traffic Control Centre Shannon, Scotch Hall and St Laurence Shopping Centres and wait for it! **Dundalk Town Hall, of course!**

Word of Wisdom

You are not judged by the height you have risen, but from the depth you have climbed.

Frederick Douglas (1817 - 1895) Statesman.

Man's Best friend

A woman stood outside a grocery store with her dog and a sign that read: Talking dog for sale. Only €5.

"A talking dog?" said a man passing by.. "Dogs can't talk."

"This one can," said the woman.

"Well if that's true, I'll give you €20 for him said the man sarcastically.



Just then, the dog pawed at the man's leg and said, 'Please take me with you. This woman isn't very nice. She refuses to take me on walks, never gives me treats, and won't drive me to the vet. Did you know I was once the most famous dog in the country? I starred in films. I've been a guest of presidents and kings. My autobiography was on the bestseller list for 20 weeks.'

"Wow!" He really can talk," gasped the man. "This dog is amazing. Why on earth would you want to sell him?"

"Hmm," sighed the woman, "I just can't take any more of his boasting and his lies."

From the World's greatest collection of Clean Jokes.

The NAME GAME

A playwright had sent Tristan Bernard, the 20th Century writer, a new play and asked Bernard to suggest a name for the play.

Some time later he rang Bernard and asked him for his recommended name. Bernard, who had not yet got around to reading the play thought for a while and then asked, "Doest it contain any trumpets?" The answer was no.

'How about any drums?" Again the answer was no, there weren't any.

"Well then," said Bernard, "why not call it 'Without Drums or Trumpets?' "

From the Bartlett's Book of Anecdotes.

Change

The only person who likes change is a wet baby

Unknown

Presidential Advice

When you don't know what to do, walk fast, avoid eye-contact and look worried. It always works!

Paul Dickson - Writer.

Test Your Knowledge Of Heights

Can you recognise any of these rooftops that Skyways worked on in 2005

Answers given below.



◀ **Picture A**
... think of a big chain store with R in Henry Street, Dublin



Picture B ▶
... on the 'bank' of the canal



◀ **Picture C**
... in a cradle for a baby in Cork



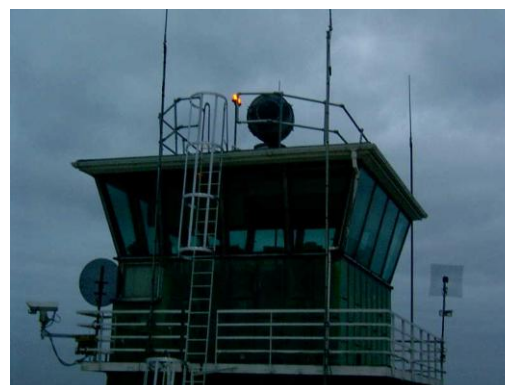
Picture D ▶
... world-class Hotel in Malahide, Co Dublin



◀ **Picture E**
... by George! Is it a quay or a plaza?



Picture F ▶
... Enjoy 'tee' on the rooftops in an alphabetical club in Kildare



Picture G ▶
... this is a real easy one, isn't it? And it's in Dublin too!

Answers

- Pic A:** Inside the Atrium in the new Roches Stores, Henry Street, Dublin.
Pic B: Bank of Ireland Asset Management, Mespil Road, Dublin.
Pic C: Cork University Maternity Hospital
Pic D: Hilton Hotel Malahide
Pic E: No 1 Georges Quay Plaza, Georges Quay Dublin.
Pic F: K Club Stratfan, Kildare.
Pic G: Dublin Airport Control Tower

Skyway worked in all of these locations - and many, many more - during 2005. We'll be delighted to tell you what we did and how we did it. Call, < NAME > on Tel:

Fall Prevention Cable Systems for Buildings

Cable systems are required where parapets are less than 1100mm high and there is a need to access roofs for maintenance or rain water outlets, light fixtures and minor plant. Users must put on a full body harness and tie off to the cable system prior to approaching the roof edge. Where there is a lot of plant a guardrail system is required. This provides collective protection to the various different users.

Reference Standards:

EN 795: Personal protective equipment which protects against falls from a height - anchor devices - requirements and testing.

BS7883: Application and use of anchor devices conforming to BS EN 795.

Roof types: Skyway have custom-designed posts for the following roof types:

- 1: Any membrane type on insulation on metal or timber decks.
- 2: Any membrane or asphalt on insulation on cast-in-situ or precast concrete slabs.
- 3: Any standing seam roof - For example: EuroSeam, Rigidal, Kal-Zip, Tegral, Kingzip and others.
- 4: Any composite panel or single skin roof - For example: Kingspan, Tegral, ProDeck and others.



Caption: XYZ working on the roof of ABC



Caption: Safety Cables on the roof of ABC

All skyway posts are designed to have minimal impact on other trades and they are the easiest posts in the industry to install and weather. Skyway is the only company to supply full weathering kits on membrane roofs such as: Tegral Sarnafil, Zebith, Braas and others.

Skyway is also the only Irish company that manufactures the system posts and has them independently certified to ensure that they conform with EN795 and BS7883 standards.

Meet the fastest MD of the fastest growing Skyway company in Ireland



Kieran Meegan, MD, Skyway, enjoying his favourite pastime

Skyway had another record-breaking year in 2005, with the number of completed projects up 20% on last year's exceptional record-breaking levels of activities. Turnover was up by almost 50% on 2004 figures

What all of this means is that Skyway is now firmly established as the country's leading Irish-owned safety system manufacturers and installers in the industry.

We are the only Irish company to focus continuously on research and development in our business and we believe that this focus brings an important added-dimension of value and safety to everything we do for our clients and end-users.

Here at Skyway we are enormously proud of our products and our service and we'd welcome an opportunity to prove how good we are and show you what we can do for you ... **better than most!**

Two major developments for Skyway

1. Certification of Skyway Top-Fix posts for Membrane and Kingspan roofs. We are the only Irish company that manufactures certified posts for fall prevention systems.

2. Development of user-friendly weathering kits for Top-Fix posts. The roofing contractor simply welds the kit down to the main membrane and does not need to provide any materials.

Believe it or not!

Stair climbing by bicycle - most steps

The record for the most steps climbed on a bicycle is 1,374 by Xavi Casas (Andorra) at the Eiffel Tower, Paris, France on May 26, 2004.

Largest Roof

The transparent acrylic glass "tent" roof over the Munich Olympic Stadium, Germany, measures 85,000 sq m (915,000 sq ft) in area and rests on steel net supported by masts.

Maintenance with Skyway

Under current standards and regulations it is necessary to have all systems tested, inspected and certified to ensure that they continue to perform as designed. In general these are carried out on an annual basis with more regular inspections required on Cradle systems.

Skyway provide a full after-sales service which ensures your systems remain certified and safe to use. You are very welcome to call us for further information. Better still, why not email us information about the type of equipment you have that may require re-certification and we'll contact you immediately to discuss your requirements.

Safety Regulations

The latest Safety, Health and Welfare at work Act came into force in September 2005 and the Construction Regulations are imminently due. This new regulation places more onus on architects and project supervisors, at the design stage, to establish the risks and provide a safe workplace for all in the future. This includes safe access to roofs and facades for maintenance and cleaning.

Visit our Website

Come visit our website at www.skyway.ie and see for yourself the full range of products and services that Skyway provides.

Our website contains a comprehensive range of pictures and details about different projects



that the Skyway team have worked on all over Ireland. It's well worth a quick visit. Go on!

INVITATION

Kieran Meegan, MD of Skyway, and his team cordially invite you to find out more about our growing ranges of products and services. Call us - without any commitment or obligation on your part - and we'll be delighted to introduce ourselves to you and show you what we can do for you.

Call us anyway, even if you don't have a job for us to do at the moment.

This way, you will know exactly who to contact next time you have a requirement for Ireland's Safe Access Equipment Professionals.

And remember!

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Project Focus:



Dunnes Stores Head Office, St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2.

Contractor: Pierse Contracting Ltd

Building: The concrete framed structure is on a crescent-shaped site behind Dublin castle. The building has many different elevations with numerous curves in its plan. A large atrium dominates the entrance area.

Skyway Systems: Skyway is providing the window cleaning/ façade access system as well as the fall-arrest systems to allow safe access to the roof areas. The window cleaning machine - the first of its kind in Ireland - is a 9m reach machine that drives along dedicated tracks. It is powered both along the track, and up and down, to allow easy access to 100% of the façade of the building. It has a unique feature of a boom which brings the cradle above the roof of the entrance atrium to allow operatives to clean the glass roof from the safety of the machine.



Hi-Ways!

Current Trends

Major strides have been made in the industry over the past twenty years, with the result that all major suppliers now have "Top-Fix" posts that are easy to fix and weather.

Top-fix refers to the fact that the posts are generally installed after the roofing membrane is completed - this makes everything so much easier for both the roofer and the main contractor.

Keep a watchful eye out for older, less developed, systems where the posts still need to be fixed to steel beams and purlins, because for both weathering and installation these systems can be a nightmare.

Be on guard also for systems that require the user to de-clip from the cable system at corners - all systems must be continuous to give adequate protection to users.

Wisdom & Wit

Around 400BC., Alcibiades and Pericles, two of the greatest leaders of Athens, were arguing. Pericles, considerably older than Alcibiades, chided the younger man, "When I was your age, I talked just as you do now."

Alcibiades retorted, "How I would have liked to have known you, Pericles, when you were at your best."

Adapted from Bartlett's Book of Anecdotes.



People who never get carried away, should be.

Malcolm S. Forbes SR. (1919 - 1990) Publisher.

Visionary People are Visionary partly because of the great many things they don't see.

Berkeley Rice - Writer.

Dig the well before you are thirsty

Chinese Proverb.