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# Workers' Memorial Day

At noon on International Workers Memorial Day (28 April), UNISON will hold a minute's silence when we will remember all those workers killed, injured or made ill by their work. And we're asking UNISON staff, branches, members, and others to join in and observe the minute of silence with us.

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#### Too much loss

Work "accidents" cause up to 1,600 deaths every year. These deaths include work-related suicide, road accidents while driving for work and any member of the public killed as a result of a workplace accident.

When you add in as many as 50,000 deaths from work-related illnesses – including cancers, respiratory illnesses, and heart disease – these numbers are way too high. This loss is even more tragic because 70% of workplace "accidents" could be avoided if health and safety was managed properly.

#### A culture change

Society no-longer finds drink-driving or domestic violence acceptable. UNISON is working to ensure that work-related ill-health, injury and death aren't just a tragic but accepted part of the world of work – because behind every statistic there is a tragedy affecting the victims, their families, friends and colleagues.

#### Background to International Workers Memorial Day (IWMD)

IWMD takes place across the world on 28 April each year, a day when many choose to wear a purple ribbon. The Day and the ribbon are about remembering the dead and renewing our demand for safe and healthy work to protect those still working – now and into the future.

#### Safer in UNISON

UNISON makes work safer and healthier and work is safest when everyone is involved in the union.

So if you are a UNISON member, why not get active? Or if you've not joined UNISON yet, join and support our campaign for safer and healthier work.

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