

# APSE Health and Safety Seminar

*Free for APSE members*



**Wednesday 6 August 2025**  
Microsoft Teams



# Programme

## 10.00 Session One

### Opening remarks

**Mo Baines, Chief Executive ,APSE**

### Management of the risk from falling trees or branches

This presentation will focus on the duties of local authorities regarding the management of the risk from falling trees or branches.

**Wayne Owen, HM inspector of Health and Safety, Health and Safety Executive**

### Managing Cemetery Memorial Health and Safety

This presentation will focus on cemetery memorial Health and Safety and provide a case study of the approach that Warrington Borough Council have adopted.

**Rebecca Patton, Warrington Borough Council**

### Audience question and answer session

## 10.50 Comfort Break

## 11.00 Session Two

### Health and safety in waste and environmental services

This is the opportunity for colleagues to explore the key Health and Safety issues facing local authority waste and environmental services.

**Jon Cowlan, Health and Safety Consultant, Pinsent and Masons**

### Li batteries and fire risk (RCVs, HWRCs and recycling plants)

The presentation will provide an overview of the health and safety risks associated with Li batteries.

**Geoff Smallwood, Waste Industry Safety and Health Working Group (WISH)**

### Violence and aggression towards recycling industry staff

This is the opportunity for colleagues to hear details of the campaign that SWITCH have been undertaking regarding violence and aggression.

**Jim Brown, Chair, Scottish Waste Industry Training Competency Health and Safety Forum (SWITCH)**

### Audience question and answer session

## 12.00 Seminar close



# Seminar Objectives

## About the Seminar

The recent tragic events regarding trees and memorials and the publicised issues impacting waste services have brought into sharp focus the need for local authorities to have robust health and safety policies and practices in place.

This online seminar brings together a range of experts who will highlight the considerations and processes that local authorities across the UK need to have in place to meet the legislation, maintain safe working practices and mitigate the risk to the community.

## Who should attend?

- Chief executives
- Elected members
- Service directors
- Health and Safety Professionals
- Arborists
- Trade union representatives
- Waste and Environmental Services Officer
- Bereavement Services Officers



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