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**HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE
AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AIAC)**

FISA update November 2018

Significant matters

1. Since the last AIAC meeting the FISA Steering Group has met on 12 June 2018 and 19 September 2018. Details of FISA working groups can be found at <http://www.ukfisa.com/working-groups.html>
2. A significant part of each meeting is now spent discussing recent incidents and lessons learned. Member organisations are encouraged to produce safety bulletins or alerts for the more significant incidents which are shared on FISA's website. Incidents continue to draw attention to the need for effective planning, monitoring and supervision. Topics discussed included chainsaw incidents, contact with an Overhead Powerline, lone working and forestry signage. Details of incidents are passed on to the relevant Working Group as necessary.
3. The FISA SG discussed double manning at stumps, chain shot, design of Hi-Viz clothing, tree shears on excavators, drug and alcohol policies, hand winches, drones and welfare.
4. Chair Alastair Sandels reminded SG members of FISA's role in showing leadership for the industry and the importance of leadership in achieving behaviour change. The Chair also highlighted the need to learn from recent incidents. The Chair is leading discussions on safety before price with sawmills.
5. Gillian Clarke (CEO) has continued to spend more time on site to help with both FISA visibility and also gathering intelligence to help inform FISA priorities.
6. The working groups continue to be active on a range of topics and the new Guide to Managing Health and Safety in Forestry is nearing completion. New volunteers are always sought for the Working Groups.
7. FISA AGM was held in the CONFOR tent at APF on 20th September.

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