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The Visitor Safety Group

Irish Sub-Group Meeting

Co-hosted by State Claims Agency and Waterways Ireland

15 May 2025



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Welcome

Pat Kirwan

*Deputy Director,
State Claims Agency*

VSG Members based in Ireland



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Department of Agriculture,
Food and the Marine

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SCA Role within the Visitor Safety Group

- Act as member of VSG Management Board
- Coordinate workshops/meetings in Ireland
- Ensure Irish input into VSG publications and website
- Contribute to Workshops and Webinars
- Increase awareness of VSG in Ireland
- Increase VSG membership in Ireland
- Ensure VSG principles are integrated into risk management systems of relevant Delegated State Authorities

A full-page background image showing a mountain biker in a blue and yellow jersey and a white helmet riding a yellow and black bike on a rocky trail. The landscape is a mix of green grass, brown heather, and small evergreen trees, with a dense forest in the background under a cloudy sky.

We are the
Visitor Safety Group

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Dr Theresa Doyle – VSG Board Member

VSG believe that it is possible to protect and enhance our landscapes and historic properties, encourage public access and achieve levels of risk that are acceptable to society.

Agenda - Morning Session

- 9.45am – Welcome by Pat Kirwan
- 9.50am - Introduction to the workshop by Waterways Ireland
- 10.00am Presentations
 - **Applying VSG principles to historic properties and recent case example** - Matt Finn, Senior Operational Risk Business Partner, National Trust North Region, Midlands, Northern Ireland & Wales
 - **Defending visitor claims on State properties using VSG principles** - Adeline Tuffy & Caoimhe Malone, Senior Litigation Solicitors, SCA
- 11:15am - Coffee break & networking
- 11:35am - Workshop: VSG Principles in Practice
 - Site visit to Grand Canal Basin area led by Waterways Ireland

Agenda - **Afternoon Session**

- 1.15 pm – Return to Treasury Dock for Lunch
- 2.00 pm - Round Table Clinic with Waterways Ireland
 - Applying VSG principles in a public safety risk assessment – discussion of hazards identified and applying VSG principles to controls.
- 3.00 pm – National Trust approach to public safety access risk assessment
 - Roundtable conversation lead by Matt Finn
- 3.30 pm – Q&A and close out session

Visitor Safety Group Handbooks





VSG Website: visitorsafety.group

Access to VSG website:
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