**The Safety Statement**

The Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 S.I No 21 of 2016: Regulation 6 requires a service to have a Safety Statement. The Safety Statement required is as defined within the meaning of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005.

The Safety Statement, which includes your Health and Safety Policy, must be developed in line with the Health and Safety Authority: [A Guide to Risk Assessments and Safety Statements](http://www.hsa.ie/eng/Publications_and_Forms/Publications/Safety_and_Health_Management/A_Guide_to_Risk_Assessments_and_Safety_Statements.html).

# [www.besmart.ie/](http://www.besmart.ie/) is a free online tool that will guide you through the entire risk assessment process, using simple language and easy-to-follow instructions. On completion you will have a workplace-specific safety statement that can be downloaded, edited, printed and implemented in your workplace. Register, select your business type and then work your way through a series of questions about the hazards in your workplace, answering ‘yes’, ‘no’ or ‘not applicable’.

You then need to walk around your workplace, consult with your employees and make sure that no hazards have been missed (a blank template will allow you to risk assess any hazards specific to your workplace that have not been covered and you can search for additional hazards at the end of the process). When you have finished you can download, edit and print your safety statement.