

## ► Safety in Licensed Premises No. 4

More than  
**4,000**  
accidents  
**EVERY YEAR!**

(CSO Hospitality Stats)

### Waste Management

**Taking the SMART steps to reduce the risk of injury or ill-health from handling and storing waste.**

**What and Where:** Bar waste can include paper, cardboard, plastic, unused food, empty bottles, broken glass or liquid waste. Good waste management and recycling saves your business money, protects the environment and protects everyone.

**When:** Waste is continuously generated and should be dealt with on an ongoing basis as close to where it is generated as possible.

**Who:** Bar owner, bar staff, brewery technicians and contractors can suffer injury or ill-health as a result of contact with broken glass or liquid waste. Food waste can attract vermin.

**How:** Sean Gilroy of Gilroy's Bar in Enniscrone, Co. Sligo carried out a waste audit, listing all the items that were disposed of, the quantities of each, the disposal method and associated costs. This helped him in focusing his efforts firstly on reducing the amount of waste such as by ordering fewer supplies. He shopped around to get the best price for recycling and disposal. He also secured a licensed waste contractor who would advise him on the most environmentally friendly and cost-efficient method of disposal.

Sean involved his staff and suppliers in the process by looking for waste-saving ideas, providing recycling bins, composting bins, a glass crusher with direct feed from behind the bar and a cardboard compactor. He also provided training to his staff in the safe handling and segregation of waste and the use of the glass crusher and compactor, including the wearing of gloves at all times and wearing eye and hearing protection when using the crusher.

Sean explained that with limited storage space, the hand-fed glass crusher is invaluable. It will crush bottles to either glass or sand consistency which is collected for reuse. The feed tube is designed to protect the bottles from breaking on their journey from upstairs behind the bar to the below ground storage room.

He also employs the services of a pest control company to visit monthly and make sure there is no issue with vermin.

**Result:** Not only is Sean protecting his employees and the environment, he is using the most cost-effective suitable way for his premises to manage waste. In addition, his waste management system means that behind the scenes his premises is kept as clean, tidy and well organised as front of house.



Sean Gilroy, Gilroy's Bar



Compactor - Gilroy's Bar



Glass Crusher - Gilroy's Bar