



National Cancer
Control Programme

Cancer Prevention Awareness Days 2026

January

| Date | Awareness Day |
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| 19th-25th | Cervical Cancer Prevention Week |

February

All Month - **Oesophageal Cancer Awareness Month**

| Date | Awareness Day |
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| 4th | World Cancer Day |
| 11th | National No Smoking Day |
| 15th | International Childhood Cancer Day |
| 17th-23rd | Cancer Prevention Action Week |

March

All Month - **Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month**
All Month - **Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month**

| Date | Awareness Day |
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| 4th | World Obesity Day |
| 4th | International HPV Awareness Day |
| 8th | International Women's Day |
| 11th | No Smoking Day |

April

All Month - **Bowel Cancer Awareness Month**
All Month - **Healthy Ireland and HSE SunSmart Campaign**
All Month - **Testicular Cancer Awareness Month**

| Date | Awareness Day |
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| 7th | World Health Day |
| 28th | World Day for Safety and Health at Work |
| 24th-30th | World Immunization Week |

May

All Month - **Skin Cancer Awareness Month**
All Month - **Healthy Ireland and HSE SunSmart Campaign**
All Month - **Bladder Cancer Awareness Month**

| Date | Awareness Day |
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| 4th | Melanoma Monday |
| 8th | World Ovarian Cancer Day |
| 12th | International Nurses Day |
| 25th-31st | European Week Against Cancer |
| 27th | National Sunscreen Day |
| 31st | World No-Tobacco Day |

June

All Month - **Healthy Ireland and HSE SunSmart Campaign**

| Date | Awareness Day |
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| 7th | Cancer Survivors Day |
| 8th - 14th | Men's Health Awareness Week |
| 23rd - 29th | Love Your Lungs Week |
| 12th | World Kidney Cancer Day |
| 24th-30th | World Wellbeing Week |

July

All Month - **Healthy Ireland and HSE SunSmart Campaign**

| Date | Awareness Day |
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| 6th-12th | Alcohol Awareness Week |
| 20-24th | Farm Safety Week |
| 27th | World Head and Neck Cancer Day |

August

All Month - **Healthy Ireland and HSE SunSmart Campaign**

| Date | Awareness Day |
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| 1st-7th | World Breastfeeding Week |

September

All Month - **Blue September Month - Prostate Cancer**
All Month - **Urology Awareness Month**
All Month - **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**
All Month - **Gynaecological Cancer Awareness Month**
All Month - **Healthy Ireland and HSE SunSmart Campaign**

| Date | Awareness Day |
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| 20th | World Gynecologic Oncology Day |
| 20th | Mouth Cancer Awareness Day |
| 22nd-28th | European Week of Sport |
| 24th | World Cancer Research Day |
| 28th | National Walking Day |
| 25th-2nd Oct | Positive Ageing Week |

October

All Month - **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**
All Month - **Liver Cancer Awareness Month**

| Date | Awareness Day |
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| 25th Sept - 2nd Oct | Positive Ageing Week |
| 1st | International Day of the Older Person |
| 1st-7th | National Breastfeeding Week HSE |

November

All Month - **International Lung Cancer Awareness Month**
All Month - **November Prostate Cancer Awareness Month**
All Month - **Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month**

| Date | Awareness Day |
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| 7th | European Radon Day |
| 19th | International Men's Health Day |
| 19th | World Pancreatic Cancer Day |

December

| Date | Awareness Day |
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| TBC | Awareness Week on Alcohol Related |

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