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CM&VM (Edinburgh bioQuarter Campus) H&S web site: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine/staff-and-current-students/cmvm-health-and-safety/edinburgh-bioquarter>

University of Edinburgh H&S web site: <http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/health-safety>



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**Health & Safety Training:** Those wishing to participate in any one or more of the H&S training courses listed below (all of which are delivered as on-line training using the medium of *MS Teams*) Must provide *ALL* of the following information in the body of an email to [Lindsay.Murray@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Lindsay.Murray@ed.ac.uk):

- **Your name** (as you wish it to appear on a hard-copy certificate of attendance, which will be issued sometime after the event);
- **Which Department/Centre/Building** you usually work within (so that your certificate can be posted out to you);
- **Which course(s)** you wish to attend; and
- **An email address** that can be cut and pasted into a spreadsheet that will be used to generate an invitation containing a link which participants should use to join each event, and to which any supporting paperwork will also be sent.

**Please Note:** Failure to send *ALL* of the necessary information, *AND IN THE ABOVE FORMAT*, is likely to result in delays before final details can be confirmed.

Bookings for each course will close a few days before the event, in order to manage the invitation process, so it is recommended that you make an early bid to participate in training (I hesitate to suggest that this should be done also to avoid disappointment).

Hard-copy certificates of completion may, therefore, take some time to reach you, but they *WILL* be sent out in due course.

All courses are repeated regularly throughout the year; so, if you cannot attend one of those listed below, there *WILL* be further opportunities, and these *WILL* be advertised through the medium of future Safety Bulletins.

I really do appreciate the enthusiasm of colleagues to participate in Elf n Safety training, but please *DO NOT* email asking me when the next event will be organised. As soon as I know when the next training events can be offered, I *WILL* let everyone know, and certificates *WILL* be generated and sent as soon as time permits.

**New Dates for Health & Safety Induction Training:** The next health and safety-related induction training events will be offered at the following times:

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 at 14:00 (for one hour).

*Or, alternatively:*

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 at 10:00 (for one hour).

This course, which is **MANDATORY** for all new and recently starting workers, will be suitable for people working in laboratories, offices and support services environments, and includes aspects of fire safety awareness and COVID-19 safety arrangements.

To register, see above (Health & Safety Training).

Certificates of attendance will be issued for personal and departmental training records.

The University of Edinburgh is a charitable body, registered in Scotland, with registration number SC005336

**Late & Lone Working Training:** The next late and lone-working safety training events will be offered at the following times:

- Wednesday 01<sup>st</sup> June, 2022 at 10:00 (for one hour).

*Or, alternatively:*

- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 at 14:00 (for one hour).

To register, see above ([Health & Safety Training](#)).

Certificates of attendance will be issued for personal and departmental training records.

Please note that attendance on this training course is MANDATORY for all those proposing to work outside hours of expected buildings occupancy (*i.e.* any time after 18:00 or before 07:00 Monday to Friday, or anytime at all during a weekend or University holiday) and anyone who is expected to work apart from others for periods of time. As always, certificates of attendance will be issued for your personal and departmental records.

**New Dates for Liquid Nitrogen and Compressed Gas Safety Training:** The next round of training events will be delivered at the following times:

*Liquid nitrogen safety (Part 1):*

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 at 10:00 (for approximately two and a quarter hours, to include a short comfort break).

*Compressed and laboratory gases safety:*

- Friday 03<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022 at 10:00 (for approximately two and a half hours, to include a short comfort break).

To register, see above ([Health & Safety Training](#)).

Certificates of attendance will be issued for your personal and departmental training records.

Please note that attendance on these training courses is MANDATORY for anyone proposing to work in a liquid nitrogen plant room or handling cryogenic liquids, and/or connect regulators to gas supplies or moving and handling compressed gas cylinders, *etc.*

**Refresher and Continuation Training:** This is a mandatory training course for everyone who has not attended a similar event within the last three years (not least because it includes fire safety awareness, which we all must be seen to have repeated fairly regularly in order to meet our legal obligations). The next session (for both lab-based *and* office-based workers) will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 at 10:00 for 90 minutes.

To register for any or all of this event, see above ([Health & Safety Training](#)).

Certificates of attendance will be issued for personal and departmental training records.

**Risk Assessment Training and Clinic:** The first formal event dealing specifically with this subject matter was delivered on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 and was remarkably well-attended. Further

events will be held in the not-too-distant future, where opportunities will be created for participants to ask questions and seek advice regarding preparation of “suitable and sufficient” risk assessments covering a wide range of scenarios.

**H&S Training for Principal Investigator and Supervisors:** It is possible to undertake this training programme on-line at <https://www.ed.ac.uk/health-safety/training/e-learning/learn-courses/pi-supervisors>. Alternatively, many people in the past have expressed a preference for more personalised training at which time questions can be asked, and answers hopefully provided. This latter option (a one hour-long event) may be requested at a time of your greatest convenience by emailing [Lindsay.Murray@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Lindsay.Murray@ed.ac.uk)

**Biological Safety Training:** All training modules are now available as e-learning courses at <https://www.ed.ac.uk/health-safety/biosafety/training/safety>

**Cardinus On-Line Training:** Amongst the suite of health and safety online courses that remain available, there is also:

- Setting up a work area at home; and
- Returning to the University estate after extended periods of working from home.

Further information regarding the above can be found at <https://www.edweb.ed.ac.uk/health-safety/training/e-learning/cardinus/covid19-training>

**Other On-Line H&S Training Resources:** Information regarding other e-learning opportunities related to health and safety (some of which may be mandatory, depending on the nature of work that you expect to be doing, *e.g.* introduction to biosafety) are available to peruse variously at <https://www.ed.ac.uk/health-safety/training/e-learning/cardinus>, <https://www.ed.ac.uk/health-safety/training/e-learning/learn-courses> and <https://www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine/staff-and-current-students/cmvm-health-and-safety/edinburgh-bioquarter/training-presentations>

**COSHH Health Passport System:** The system is intended to manage health records, as required by Regulation 11 of the COSHH Regulations, as well as controlling access for B&VS managed animal facilities.

All staff are required to have a health record if there is a possibility they may be exposed to a sensitising agent (*e.g.* laboratory animal allergens, although certain other substances are also classified as sensitizers). Further information is available at <https://www.edweb.ed.ac.uk/health-safety/online-resources/coshh-health-passport-system-chps>

**Sustainability Spot:** Visit the website at <https://www.ed.ac.uk/sustainability/what-we-do/laboratories> to brush up on your knowledge of best practice regarding lab sustainability.

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**Theme Tune: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VvLV3OZAcyg>**

