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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:

- **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 31st October, 2022 at 10:00 (for approximately one hour).

Or, alternatively:

- Monday 14th November, 2022 at 10:00 (for approximately 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.

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

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

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

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- Tuesday 01st November, 2022 at 14:00 (for one hour).

Or, alternatively:

- Tuesday 15th November, 2022 at 14:00 (for one hour).

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.

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

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):

- Thursday 03rd November, 2022 at 10:00 (for approximately two and a quarter hours, to include a short comfort break).

Compressed and laboratory gases safety:

- Thursday 10th November, 2022 at 10:00 (for approximately two and a half hours, to include a short comfort break).

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.*

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

COSHH Training: The following three-part training course is freely available for any member of staff or student to attend:

- COSHH (Part 1) describes the legislation and how employers and workers are expected to comply – Friday 04th November, 2022 at 10:00 (for approximately one hour).
- COSHH (Part 2) addresses completion of a suitable and sufficient COSHH risk assessment – Friday 11th November, 2022 at 10:00 (for approximately one hour).
- COSHH (Part 3) relates to spill management (Regulation 12 of COSHH) – Friday 18th November, 2022 at 10:00 (for approximately one hour).

It is not necessary to attend all three modules if your requirement for training is likely to be addressed by participation in one or two events only.

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

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

Risk Assessment Training and Clinic: In addition to the wide range of task-based risk assessments that we have prepared and maintain for use within our various buildings, the regulatory authority (HSE) look for evidence that training has been provided to those who prepare and maintain these, and also to those work to the arrangements set out in the assessments.

A risk assessment safety training event will be offered at the following time:

- Wednesday 09th November, 2022 at 10:00 (for up to 90 minutes, to allow time for questions relating to risk assessment).

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

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

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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 07th November, 2022 at 10:00 for approximately 90 minutes.

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

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

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>

