

RISK ASSESSMENT

Policy Statement

The Policy

At the heart of any health and safety management system is risk assessment.

The University is committed to taking 'all steps necessary, so far as is reasonably practicable', to ensure:

- The health, safety and welfare at work of all our employees and;
- That persons not in our employment who may be affected thereby, are not exposed to risks to their health or safety

One of the principal aims of the Health and Safety Policy is to ensure 'sensible risk management practices are applied' and it is therefore the intention of the University that risk assessment will be the foundation of the safety management system.

This Policy sets out the legal context of risk assessment and the operational arrangements to be followed in order to implement the University Health and Safety Policy. In particular, the key principles of this Policy are:

1. Ensure all significant hazards are risk assessed
2. All those carrying out risk assessments are competent and training is mandatory
3. All those responsible for implementing this Policy and Operational Procedures are identified and are aware of their responsibilities
4. Risk assessments are recorded and copies (electronic or hardcopy) must be available for inspection and are accessible
5. Risk assessments are placed on a Departmental Risk Database and are reviewed regularly
6. Adequate resources are made available to ensure this Policy is properly implemented