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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>

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**Access to Health & Safety Training:** Those wishing to participate in any one or more of the H&S training courses listed below (All of which continue to be 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. So don't just write "IRR" – It's a big building, and I need to know which Research Centre you are based within, otherwise there's precious little chance of a certificate ever reaching you);
- **Which course(s)** you wish to attend (Be specific); 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.

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

- Wednesday 07<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 at 10:00 (for one hour).
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 at 14:00 (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.

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 on-line late and lone-working safety training events will be offered at the following times:

- Friday 09<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 at 10:00 (for one hour).
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 at 14:00 (for one hour).

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.

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

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

**New Dates for Liquid Nitrogen Safety Training (Part 1):** The next round of training will be delivered at the following time:

*Liquid Nitrogen Safety (Part 1):*

- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024 at 10:00 (for approximately two and a half hours, to include a short comfort break).

**New Dates for Compressed and Laboratory Gas Safety Training:** The next round of training will be delivered at the following time:

*Compressed and Laboratory Gases Safety:*

- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 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 (1) work in a liquid nitrogen plant room or handling cryogenic liquids, and/or (2) connect regulators to gas supplies or moving and handling compressed gas cylinders, *etc.*

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

**Continuation/Refresher 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 round of training will be delivered at the following time:

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 at 10:00 (for approximately one and a half hours, to include a short comfort break).

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

**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:

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 at 11:00 (for up to 90 minutes, to allow time for questions relating to risk assessment).

Time has been built into the event to allow for participants to ask questions related to the preparation and application of risk assessments related to their own area of work.

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

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

**H&S Training for Principal Investigator and Supervisors:** It is possible to undertake this training programme on-line by selecting the appropriate link within <https://www.ed.ac.uk/health-safety/training/portfolio/role-specific>. 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)

**Certificates** Where incorrect information (such as misspelled names) has been inadvertently entered onto to training certificate templates (often due to disregard of my polite and oft-repeated requests for people attending in-person events to enter information in block capitals rather than elegant but indecipherable flowing script), and you wish for any inaccuracies to be corrected, please send me the original by internal snail mail, indicating clearly what changes you wish to be made, and I'll issue and return an amended version.

**Accident and Incident Reporting** In addition to the link at <https://www.ed.ac.uk/health-safety/accident-reporting>, access to the Accident and Incident Reporting system can be achieved using the following QR code, which you might wish to save on your mobile device(s):



**Annual Reports** We are encouraged by regulatory authorities and the University's external auditors to prepare and circulate reports pertaining to H&S activities over the course of the past year and also related to incidents and accidents.

Reports for CM&VM activities on the Edinburgh BioQuarter campus during 2023 are to be found within the "Other Resources" section of <https://www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine/staff-and-current-students/cmvm-health-and-safety/edinburgh-bioquarter>

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

