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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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Health & Safety Training: Please note that the H&S Manager will be on annual leave between 21st November and 11th December; and, therefore, there will be reduced level of training delivery for the remainder of this calendar year (There *will* be a few training events in December, but “normal” service will be resumed in January, 2024)

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:

- **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.

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

- Tuesday 07th November, 2023 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 late and lone-working safety training events will be offered at the following time:

- Thursday 09th November, 2023 at 10:00 (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: The next round of training will be delivered at the following times:

Liquid nitrogen safety (Part 1):

- Friday 17th November, 2023 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).

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

Safety Manual: Some changes have been made to two Sections of the Safety Manual. Section 5 (Fire Safety) has been amended in respect of the introduction of IRR(S) to the Campus, and arrangements to investigate “single knock” fire signals; and Section 14 (Special Safety Precautions) has been amended to add a model spill management plan as a new Annex to that Section (The latter is based on a model kindly contributed by colleagues in Vet. School). These can be reviewed within <https://www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine/staff-and-current-students/cmvm-health-and-safety/edinburgh-bioquarter/manual>

Science of Santa: This has (unintentionally, on my part) become something of an annual tradition in these parts, and is meant merely for fun if anyone is sufficiently interested (Some have participated every year since this started – You know who you are). In a fairly brief session, delivered using the medium of *MS Teams* for those who express an interest, we will consider just how Santa Claus manages to deliver a present to good boys and girls throughout the whole world in one single night. Subject matters include a brief historical review, some regional variations, the physics and engineering of sleigh operations, food and beverage consumption for Santa and his reindeer, and some other stuff.

- Monday 18th December, 2003 at 14:00 (for one hour).

To register, use the same procedure set out in Health & Safety Training in the first section of this Bulletin.

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

