

## PREFACE

Hard copies of this Manual may still be available in some laboratories, and a few Principal Investigators may continue to hold hard copies for personal reference; however amendments are introduced fairly frequently and, although an amendment record sheet has been provided, there is some potential for one or more hard copies not to have been updated to the most recent amendment state at any given time.

To that end, it was agreed by the Little France Buildings Health & Safety Committee in November 2005 (now the Health & Safety Committee for University of Edinburgh buildings on the Edinburgh bioQuarter campus) that the on-line version at:

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine/staff-and-current-students/cmvm-health-and-safety/edinburgh-bioquarter/manual>

will be considered definitive.

Please notify the Health & Safety Manager for University buildings on the Edinburgh bioQuarter campus (contact details below) as soon as possible of any changes that may be necessary to the guidance contained in this Manual.

Immediately preceding the detailed contents of this Manual, there is a summary of Key Emergency Actions (including a list of useful telephone numbers), which may be used as guidance in the event of any one or more situations dictating a rapid reaction by members of staff. More detailed consideration of the implications of a potentially hazardous situation will be found in the body of the Manual, and the relevant text should be reviewed as soon as possible after the immediate crisis has been managed, including guidance regarding accident reporting.

A very positive attitude to health and safety and a strong health and safety culture exists within University buildings on the Edinburgh bioQuarter campus. The strength of the arrangements described in this Manual depends on a continued willingness on the part of all colleagues to enter into that spirit and comment constructively on the health and safety strategy for the whole site. To that end, the Health & Safety Committee for University of Edinburgh buildings on the Edinburgh bioQuarter campus welcomes constructive criticism of the arrangements described in this Manual and, as Health & Safety Manager, I am always available to speak with colleagues about general and specific matters.

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