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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:

- **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.

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

- Friday 15th January, 2026 at 14:00 (for one hour).
- Tuesday 03rd February, 2026 at 09:30 (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 \(Health & Safety Training\).](#)

Induction Training for Undergraduate Students: In addition to the two *MS Teams*-mediated events detailed immediately above, "in-person" training (specifically and only for undergraduate students), will be offered on Monday 12th January, 2026 (10:00-c.11:00) in the Wellcome Auditorium, QMRI and Friday 16th January, 2026 in the seminar room, IRR (North). There will be no need to pre-book for these events - Just pitch up "on the day". Attendance will be recorded at some point during the combined session, and certificates of attendance will be issued as usual.

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

- Monday 19th January, 2026 at 14:00 (for one hour).
- Wednesday 04th February, 2026 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 \(Health & Safety Training\).](#)

Continuation/Refresher Training: A single 90-minute session for lab-based workers and office-based workers (**MANDATORY** for all who have not participated in relevant training courses within the past three years), summarises the key points formerly presented in several courses such as risk assessment, fire safety awareness, safe working with computer workstations, waste management, *etc*. The next such training event is:

- Friday 09th January, 2026 (10:00-approx. 11:30)

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

COSHH Training: A three-part training course is offered periodically on the EbQ Campus, and is freely available for any member of staff or student to attend. The following dates are advertised for the next round of training, which is delivered *via MS Teams*:

- COSHH (Part 1) describes the legislation and how employers and workers are expected to comply: Tuesday 27th January, 2026 at 14:00 for approximately one hour.
- COSHH (Part 2) addresses completion of a suitable and sufficient COSHH risk assessment: Monday 02nd February, 2026 at 14:00 for approximately one and a half hours.
- COSHH (Part 3) relates to spill management (Regulation 13 of COSHH): Thursday 05th February, 2026 at 10:00 for approximately one hour.

Certificates of attendance will be issued for your 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):

- Wednesday 21st January, 2026 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 29th January, 2026 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 handing compressed gas cylinders, *etc.*

[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:

- Friday 30th January, 2026 at 10:00 (for up to 90 minutes, to allow time for questions relating to the practical application of risk assessment to your own work).

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 \(Health & Safety Training\).](#)

Waste Management Training: This (approximately) thirty-minute training course will be offered at the following time:

- Friday 23rd January, 2026 at 10:00.

Time will be added to allow for participants to ask questions, if they wish, related to the management of waste arisings 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 Investigators, Team Leaders 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, numbers of 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 available as e-learning courses at <https://www.ed.ac.uk/health-safety/biosafety/training> Please note that these courses are NOT to be booked through the arrangements set out at the beginning of this Bulletin.

Radiation Protection Training: All training modules are available as e-learning courses at <https://www.ed.ac.uk/health-safety/radiation-protection/training/course-list> Please note that these courses are NOT to be booked through the arrangements set out at the beginning of this Bulletin.

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) are available to peruse variously at <https://www.ed.ac.uk/health-safety/training/portfolio> and <https://www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine/staff-and-current-students/cmvm-health-and-safety/edinburgh-bioquarter/training-presentations>

Cardinus training is to be booked through *People and Money* (Link to https://scribehow.com/shared/How_to_find_Health_and_Safety_courses_in_PandM_dS2-GQGFT-qL5mgDKvURjw).

Students can self-enrol in Health and Safety courses via the *Learn Ultra* course catalogue (Link to https://media.ed.ac.uk/media/Learn+Ultra+walk+through+2022/1_plxynlnn).

Please note that these courses are NOT to be booked through the arrangements set out at the beginning of this Bulletin.

Certificates: If, during the past year, certificates have been sent to you upon which your name has been inadvertently misspelled, please return these to me by internal mail, indicating clearly where changes need to be made, and I'll arrange for amended copies to be sent to you.

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

