

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURE IN THE EVENT OF ACCIDENTAL EYE EXPOSURE TO CLASS 3 OR CLASS 4 LASER

This card should be completed and kept in a safe position by the laser so that it is readily retrievable in the event of an accidental eye exposure. It should be taken to the hospital with the patient. Any incident should be reported immediately to Health and Safety Services either by phone or online.

EMERGENCY OPHTHALMIC EXAMINATION	LASER EXPOSURE
Laser details:	
Type	Continuous Wave / Pulsed laser (identify which)
Wavelength	nm
Power output (CW)	
Pulse energy, duration and rate (pulse)	
Laser classification	
Exposure details	
University of Warwick - School or Department	
Circumstances of accident / injury:	
Time / date of incident	
Eye (s) affected	Left Right Both (identify which)
Was protective eyewear being worn?	Yes / No (bring with patient if possible)

## Contingency Plan-Laser beam incident

In case of emergency,

1. All beams must be safely isolated or the power to the laser switched off.
2. In addition to the beam, all other potential hazards must be made safe e.g. electrical, biohazard, trip hazards.

First aid assistance must be obtained for anyone who is injured. Use the First Aid QR code to get assistance:



If a laser eye strike is known or suspected, an emergency medical examination must be carried out as soon as possible (within 24 hours).

1. If emergency services are required, they should be contacted via Security on (024765) 22222
2. Patients must attend the main A&E. This card must be sent with the individual to help the hospital to assess the injury. Send the patient to University Hospital, Clifford Bridge Road, Coventry, CV2 2DX.
3. There is a dedicated eye casualty service available in clinic 9, the eye department. Call the service on route to the A&E, operating hours for this telephone service are Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm (except between 1-1.30pm) and Saturday 9am to 12pm. Eye Unit 024 7696 6606.
4. The hospital should, ideally, be notified before the person arrives, A&E reception 024 7696 6200.

Following any laser injury, the University Health and Safety Services must be contacted and an incident form submitted. This must be done as soon as possible, at least within 24 hours.