

HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

SUMMER 2025



SafeZone

SafeZone is the University of Warwick's free safety app, designed to help staff and students feel safe, informed, and supported on campus. Whether you're working late, walking alone, or need urgent assistance, SafeZone connects you directly to campus safety and support teams in real time.



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Wellness in hot weather

High temperatures and intense sunlight pose a particular risk to those required to work on campus this summer; top tips for staying safe include:

- Drink plenty of water
- Wear light, loose fitting cotton clothes, and speak with your manager or supervisor about relaxing dress codes and uniform policies where possible
- If possible, work away from direct sunlight or sources of radiant heat
- If this is not possible, take regular breaks in cooler areas or buildings
- Use window blinds (if available) to cut down on the heating effects of the sun
- Use fans or other mechanisms to cool the air, as well as adequate ventilation
- Avoid physical exertion where possible especially during the hottest part of the day, between 11am and 3pm
- If you must go out or travel in the heat, try to keep out of the sun between 11am and 3pm: walk in the shade where possible, apply sunscreen and wear a hat

Raise any issues with your line manager or supervisor, especially if you consider yourself or a colleague to be vulnerable to heat.



Driving For Work

It has been estimated that a third of all road traffic accidents involve someone who is at work at the time. Health and Safety legislation applies to journeys if the driver can be considered at work or on University business, including academic activities. 'Driving for Work' covers those staff who drive either regularly as part of their normal job role, or occasionally for business travel, including academic activities, either on or off campus. This includes driving vehicles that are owned or leased by the University, and privately owned vehicles that are used by the employee. 'Driving for Work' does not include commuting to and from work unless travelling from their home to a location which is not their usual place of work.

Our driving for work policy has been updated here [Driving for Work](#)

Waste Management Policy



There are a number of pieces of legislation, both under health and safety and environmental law, relating to the control of waste which are relevant to activities carried out at the University of Warwick. The legal framework sets minimum standards for the protection of organisations, individuals and the environment from risks related to waste materials.

Waste can be designated as hazardous academic waste or non-hazardous. Hazardous waste streams may include asbestos, certain chemicals (including solvents, brake fluid and print toner), pesticides, mineral oils, batteries, equipment containing 'ozone depleting substances' (such as fridges), biological waste, electrical equipment and components.

[waste management policy v1 13 02 25.pdf](#)

Barbeques



Please be advised that disposable barbeques are not authorised for use on campus.

Some campus residences have a designated barbecue area nearby that can be used by small groups of students. Please be mindful of the noise that you may create and plan for:

- removal of rubbish
- the safe closedown of the barbeque and disposal of coals when cool

When booking a barbecue, please make it very clear which site you will be using in the additional information section. Before booking, please ensure you have read the [Barbecue Guidelines](#)

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Electricity is a significant hazard that can cause serious injuries, burns, or death. Electricity can cause fires and explosions due to shorting, overheating of cables or appliances. Unprotected or inappropriate electrical equipment can cause ignition of flammable or explosive atmospheres. Machinery that is powered by electricity can operate erratically or out of control due to electrical faults.

Our Electrical Safety policy has been updated here:

[Electrical Safety](#)

