Health & Safety Policies

The Steering Committee approved 21 new topic specific health and safety policies plus an amendment to the Permit to Work Policy on Monday 5 March 2018. The policies have been uploaded on to the Health and Safety webpage stated below. Managers should be establishing relevance to their own areas of work, identifying if any changes are necessary and prioritising their implementation. Matters should be raised at local committees where substantive changes are necessary.

https://warwick.ac.uk/services/healthsafetywellbeing/a-z/currentpolicies

For further information and guidance, contact the University Health & Safety Department.
Email: HealthSafetyHelpDesk@warwick.ac.uk

New Generic Genetically Modified Risk Assessment

Changes to GM Risk Assessment

In order to reduce the burden on academic staff who manage projects involving genetic modification, a suite of generic risk assessments for common low-risk (i.e. Class 1) activities have been developed.

When conducting a risk assessment for a new or reviewed project, you will now be able to state which of these generic assessments are applicable to some or all of your work. You will no longer need to complete the parts of the Risk Assessment Template which relate to the assessment of risk and the required control measures. You will still have to describe your project, the specific GM organisms that you wish to use or generate, the people and places involved and complete the declarations prior to its submission via the normal process.

There are currently four generic documents with more under development. Find out more by going to:

https://warwick.ac.uk/services/healthsafetywellbeing/guidance/biologicalsafety/generic_gm_risk_assessments/

New Health and Safety Staff

A new Health and Safety Officer (HSO) joined the University in March 2018 to support the Chemistry Department: Colin Lambert.

For more information about this appointment see Meet the Team from the University Health & Safety homepage.