

Health & Safety Matters

March 2015

Interim Director

With the retirement of Dr Iain MacKirdy, John Phillips is now the Interim Director of Health and Safety.

You can meet the rest of the team [here](#)

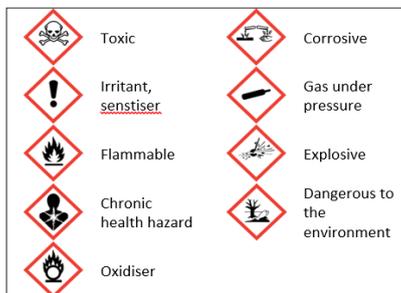


Food Safety Inspections

A recent food safety inspection of Café Library has resulted in the unit being rated 'exemplary'. The rating is a reflection of all the hard work and commitment shown by the staff and management team alike whilst working under immense pressure and physical constraints to achieve set targets.

Chemicals Hazard symbols

The pictograms below are mandatory from May 2015



University specific chemical safety guidance is under development. Click [here](#) for further guidance and information

e-Cigarettes

e-Cigarettes are covered by the [University Smoking policy](#) as and such must not be used in University buildings or on [construction sites](#) (except in the designated smoking area) or within 3 metres of any opening to a building.



Construction Regulations

The new Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 (CDM 2015) will come into force on 6 April 2015.

In preparation, [draft guidance](#) for the new regulations has been prepared to help anyone who has duties in the regulations to prepare. There is also [draft guides](#) for the duty holders and the workers.

Main Changes

- The role of the CDM co-ordinator is replaced by the Principle Designer. Hence responsibility for the coordination of the pre-construction phase will rest with an existing member of the design team
- Client is recognised as head of the supply chain and as such best placed to set standards throughout the project
- Competence – training, knowledge, skills, experience and organisational capability.

Confined Spaces

The Approved Code of Practice L101 has been updated with regulatory and other changes. The guidance has been simplified and provides clarity on the definition of a confined space.

- *Other changes include:*
- a flowchart to help in the decision-making process
- additional examples including new workplace risks such as specifically created hypoxic environments, fire suppression systems etc.
- amendments relating to the need to check, examine and test equipment



<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/l101.htm>

Useful links

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