

University of Cumbria

General Health and Safety Policy Statement

This policy statement sets out the main aims and objectives for health and safety at the University of Cumbria. For details concerned with the allocation of responsibilities for applying the policy, and the current arrangements for implementing systems and procedures for managing health and safety, please refer to the University's Health and Safety Responsibilities Policy.

It is the responsibility of the University Board of Directors, Vice Chancellors Executive and Senior Leadership Team to ensure the health and safety of all staff, students, visitors and contractors.

The aim of this statement is to ensure that so far as is reasonably practicable, steps are taken to secure the health and safety of all persons working in or using the University premises, and that they are not exposed to unnecessary risks. The University will do all that is reasonably practicable to ensure that any other persons who may be affected by the University's activities are not exposed to unnecessary risks to their own health and safety, in accordance with and meeting the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974.

The above aims are achieved by the following;

- Having in place an effective management structure with clearly defined organisational duties for health and safety;
- Maintaining a safe and healthy workplace together with safe access and egress;
- Establishing and maintaining safe working practices and procedures using the principles of a pro-active and sensible approach to risk management;
- Making arrangements for minimising risks to health in connection with the use of the handling, storage and transportation of articles and substances;
- Ensuring the provision of information, instruction and supervision to enable all persons to avoid hazards and contribute positively to their own health and safety and to ensure they have access to an occupational health service, safety equipment and safety training when required;
- Formulating effective procedures for use in case of accidents, emergencies and the reporting of incidents, dangerous occurrences and defects;
- Providing and maintaining adequate welfare facilities;
- Regularly reviewing health and safety documentation, procedures and training;
- Keeping up to date with Health and Safety legislation and compliance thereof.



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