

# HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

## Department of Physics

This Department is committed to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of all its staff and students, so far as is reasonably practicable. We also fully accept our responsibility for other persons who may be affected by our activities. We will take steps to ensure that our statutory duties are met at all times.

Each member of staff and student will be given such information, instruction and training as is necessary to enable the safe performance of work activities.

The Head of Department and Departmental Health and Safety Committee will ensure that all processes and systems of work are designed to take account of health and safety and are properly supervised at all times. The Physics Department Safety Committee meets three times per year; any member of staff can attend Committee meetings and/or raise issues of health and safety.

Competent members of staff will be appointed to assist us in meeting our statutory duties including, where appropriate, specialists from outside the Department.

Every member of the Department must cooperate with us to enable all statutory duties to be complied with. The successful implementation of this policy requires total commitment from all members of the Department. Each individual has a legal obligation to take reasonable care for his or her own health and safety, and for the safety of other people who may be affected by his or her acts or omissions. Full details of the health and safety procedures are set out in the Physics Department Safety Website.

The Department will carry out inspections of the work place at least once per year. The team will include: Departmental Safety Officer, Departmental Administrator, and a trade union representative.

This policy will be regularly monitored to ensure that the objectives are achieved. It will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised in the light of legislative or organisational changes.

Signed Prof. BR Fulton  
(Head of Department)

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