STUDENT HEALTH CENTRE

SAFETY STATEMENT

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Please see Student Health Centre website for a full listing of contacts – click [here](#)

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<td>Garda Síochána</td>
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<td>(01) 666 8000</td>
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<td>Student Counsellor</td>
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**LIST OF PERSONS IDENTIFIED AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY TASKS**

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<td>Ensuring Safety Statement, risk assessments are carried out, updated and communicated</td>
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<td>Ensuring the upkeep and ordering of first-aid and medical supplies</td>
<td>Jillian Mansfield</td>
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<td>Co-ordinating contractors activities and dealing with Buildings Office for Work Permits</td>
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<td>Updating the statutory registers and Safety Data Sheets</td>
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<td>Ensuring adequate personnel designated as fire marshals and first aiders</td>
<td>Dr Brendan Clune</td>
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INTRODUCTION

Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) is required under the provisions of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005, to have and bring to the attention of all employees, a statement of its policy, organisation and arrangements with respect to health, safety and welfare at work. The Act also embraces all of the activities at DIT and staff, students, visitors, contractors/service providers.

The fundamental aim of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act is the prevention of accidents and illnesses at the place of work. Safety consultation procedures and the preparation of a safety statement and written risk assessment are the key provisions of the Act.

This safety statement has been prepared in compliance with the Act and provides details of the specific hazards relevant to the Student Health Centre and the controls that have been implemented to adequately safeguard the activities. This safety statement should be read in conjunction with the DIT Framework Safety Statement which is available on the health and safety website.

This document applies to all staff, students, visitors, contractors/service providers and campus users. It will be updated as necessary in the light of new legislation, staff feedback, changes and practical experience. In addition it will be reviewed annually.

SAFETY POLICY & OBJECTIVE FOR THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTRE

The Student Health Centre will ensure that:

- Work activities are managed and conducted in a manner that ensures the safety, health and welfare of our employees, students, visitors and contractors/service providers
- Our safety statement is maintained and updated and written risk assessments are carried out and reviewed as required and brought to the attention of all employees at least annually
- Identified protective and preventative measures are implemented and maintained
- Improper conduct likely to put an employee, student, visitor or contractor/service provider's safety and health at risk is prevented
- A safe place of work is provided that is adequately designed and maintained
- A safe means of access and egress is provided
- Safe plant and equipment are provided
- Safe systems of work are provided
- Risks to health from any article or substance are prevented
- Appropriate information, instruction, training and supervision are provided
- Where hazards cannot be eliminated suitable protective clothing and equipment are provided
- Emergency plans are prepared and revised
- Welfare facilities are provided and adequately maintained
- Competent personnel who can advise and assist in securing the safety, health and welfare of employees are employed when required

Signed:  
Dr. Brendan Clune, Medical Director
Date: 3/12/14

Jillian Mansfield, Practice Manager
Date: 3.12.14
**SCOPE OF SAFETY STATEMENT**

The scope of our operations includes provision of a health service to full-time DIT students.

**HISTORY OF LOCATION**

Our offices and operations are located in the following areas:

- Aungier Street and Linenhall Health Centres.

**SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES**

In accordance with the DIT Framework Safety Statement, the Medical Director of the Student Health Centre, Dr. Brendan Clune, as part of his management function, is responsible for ensuring, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health and safety of persons working in or visiting the student health centres at Linenhall and Aungier Street. In particular he is responsible for the following:

1. To ensure a safety statement relevant to operations is prepared which complies with Section 20 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act.
2. To ensure that the safety statement is reviewed at least annually and that the DIT Senior Leadership Team (SLT) Health and Safety Sub-committee is notified that the review has been completed and is provided with any updated document which may result from such a review.
3. To ensure that all hazards are identified and risks controlled.
4. To ensure that regular safety inspections/audits are carried out to monitor compliance with the safety statement and legal requirements and to ensure appropriate follow-up action is taken.
5. To investigate all accidents to staff/students/visitors/patients in his area of responsibility and to complete the Incident Report Form as appropriate.
6. To ensure that local emergency plans and first aid procedures are implemented and that sufficient evacuation marshals and first-aid personnel are available.
7. To ensure that staff are appropriately trained to carry out their duties safely and to ensure the attendance of staff at designated training courses as appropriate.

**All Institute Staff**

All employees/staff have a duty to take responsibility for their own safety, health & welfare and for that of visitors and any other person who may be affected by their acts or omissions while at work.

**Statutory Requirement**

*Chapter 2, Sections 13 & 14 of the Safety Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 places a number of obligations on employees whilst at work as outlined in this section:*

13.—(1) An employee shall, while at work—
   (a) comply with the relevant statutory provisions, as appropriate, and take reasonable care to protect his or her safety, health and welfare and the safety, health and welfare of any other person who may be affected by the employee’s acts or omissions at work,
   (b) ensure that he or she is not under the influence of an intoxicant to the extent that he or she is in such a state as to endanger his or her own safety, health or welfare at work or that of any other person,
(c) if reasonably required by his or her employer, submit to any appropriate, reasonable and proportionate tests for intoxicants by, or under the supervision of, a registered medical practitioner who is a competent person, as may be prescribed,

(d) co-operate with his or her employer or any other person so far as is necessary to enable his or her employer or the other person to comply with the relevant statutory provisions, as appropriate,

(e) not engage in improper conduct or other behaviour that is likely to endanger his or her own safety, health and welfare at work or that of any other person,

(f) attend such training and, as appropriate, undergo such assessment as may reasonably be required by his or her employer or as may be prescribed relating to safety, health and welfare at work or relating to the work carried out by the employee,

(g) having regard to his or her training and the instructions given by his or her employer, make correct use of any article or substance provided for use by the employee at work or for the protection of his or her safety, health and welfare at work, including protective clothing or equipment,

(h) report to his or her employer or to any other appropriate person, as soon as practicable—

(i) any work being carried on, or likely to be carried on, in a manner which may endanger the safety, health or welfare at work of the employee or that of any other person,

(ii) any defect in the place of work, the systems of work, any article or substance which might endanger the safety, health or welfare at work of the employee or that of any other person, or

(iii) any contravention of the relevant statutory provisions which may endanger the safety, health and welfare at work of the employee or that of any other person, of which he or she is aware.

(2) An employee shall not, on entering into a contract of employment, misrepresent himself or herself to an employer with regard to the level of training as may be prescribed under subsection (1)(f).

14.—A person shall not intentionally, recklessly or without reasonable cause—

(a) interfere with, misuse or damage anything provided under the relevant statutory provisions or otherwise for securing the safety, health and welfare of persons at work, or

(b) place at risk the safety, health or welfare of persons in connection with work activities

In addition, staff have the following responsibilities:

- To participate in and put into practice all training provided by DIT, to ensure compliance with safety, health & welfare legislation
- To co-operate with those responsible for health and safety
- To familiarise themselves with the contents of the safety statement, safety policies and procedures and Codes of Practice
- To assist in the preparation and updating of the Student Health Centre safety statement
- To assist and co-operate with periodic safety inspections/audits
- To assist in the completion of standard hazard identification control sheets and co-operate with the reporting and investigation of incidents
- To ensure that equipment is operated in a safe manner and good housekeeping standards are maintained at all times
- To promote safe work practices
- To ensure that all safety rules are communicated to students, contractors and visitors, other campus users
- To use equipment only if authorised and trained
- To ensure that any safety measures associated with new equipment is brought to the attention of the Medical Director, Dr. Brendan Clune, implemented, documented in the safety statement and communicated effectively
- To report to Dr. Brendan Clune, any person abusing facilities or equipment
- To select and appoint a Safety Representative
To notify the Health & Safety Officer of any perceived shortcomings in the safety arrangements

**Contractors/Service Providers**

*The following responsibilities are allocated to contractors/service providers:*

- All contractors/service providers will be expected to comply with the Institute’s Policy for safety health and welfare and must ensure that their own safety statement is made available whilst work is being carried out. It is the Institutes policy that all contractor/service providers have a safety statement in accordance with the *Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005*
- All work must be carried out in accordance with relevant statutory provisions and taking into account the safety of others on the site. The contractor/service provider must have adequate insurance cover
- Contractors/service providers must not commence with any work on the premises or project site until the Contractor Safety Guidelines and other relevant safety procedures are read, understood and accepted (available from Buildings Office). They must complete the e-learning programme for contractors/service providers
- Contractors/service providers will take reasonable care of themselves and others who may be affected by their acts or omissions and will co-operate as appropriate with DIT employees as necessary
- Contractors/service providers must supply at tender stage a Safety Statement, relevant method statements, copies of their public and employers liability insurance and complete the Contractors Compliance Form CCF1 before a contract is awarded
- They will liaise with the local Building Maintenance Manager and obtain work permits as required
- Scaffolding and other access equipment used by contractor’s/service provider’s employees must be erected and maintained in accordance with current legislation and Codes of Practice
- All plant and equipment brought onto the site by contractors/service providers must be safe and in good working order, fitted with any necessary guards and safety devices and have all necessary certificates available for inspection
- All transformers, generators, extension leads, plugs and sockets must be suitable for industrial use and in good condition. No power tools or electrical equipment of greater than 110 volts should be used outdoors. If it is necessary to use equipment operating from a 220-volt supply, a residual current device with a rated tripping current of 30mA and operation of 30m sec must be used
- Any injury sustained by a contractor’s/service provider’s employee must be reported immediately to the local Building Maintenance Manager
- Contractors/service providers must comply with any safety instructions given by DIT
- DIT may carry out safety inspections. Contractors/service providers informed of any hazards or defects identified during these inspections will be expected to take immediate action
- DIT must be notified of any material or substance brought onto the site which has health, fire or explosive risks. Such materials must be stored and used in accordance with current recommendations
- Contractors/service providers will be accountable for the maintenance of good housekeeping practices at all times within their respective areas of work
- Contractors/service providers are not allowed to use equipment owned by the Student Health Centre unless written permission is received from the Medical Director of the Student Health Centre, Dr. Brendan Clune, and a competent person passes it as being safe
Visitors/Patients (a person other than an employee or contractor/service provider)

- Visitors/patients may not be aware of the potential hazards associated with DIT and also may lack familiarity with the Institute’s premises/facilities and are therefore a potential risk to themselves and others. All visitors/patients must identify themselves to the receptionist/relevant DIT personnel and follow all DIT’s safety procedures and policies.
- Visitors/patients must not enter any area where they do not have the authority to do so. Hazardous areas will be restricted.
- They must not interfere with any of the Institutes/Health Centres property, equipment, materials or substances unless they have permission to do so from the person in charge.
- They must not remain on the premises any longer than necessary and should return PPE on leaving.
- In the event of an evacuation, they will be led to the Assembly Point by their DIT host.
- A safety booklet and wallet card is available at front desk/reception area and on request.
- The DIT Framework Safety Statement is available on the safety website [www.dit.ie/safework](http://www.dit.ie/safework).
- DIT has a Child Protection Policy available on the DIT website.

**DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

Any staff member or student who contravenes or fails to manage to work in accordance with current safety health and welfare legislation, the DIT Parent Framework Safety Statement and Codes of Practice may be subject to the Institute’s disciplinary procedures. The Buildings Officer will address any contraventions by contractors/service providers.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSULTATION**

Employers are obliged under *The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005*, to consult with and take account of any representations made by employees regarding health, safety and welfare. The Student Health Centre ensures that health and safety is an agenda item at all meetings and ensures that working groups are appointed to deal with certain health and safety items if required.

A nominee from Campus Life, Sinead McNulty, sits on the Health and Safety Team for the Directorate of Student Services. This team meets periodically throughout the year every two months.

Consultation takes place when there is a change, update or modification to a particular work process, when new machines or processes are introduced or when new substances or materials are introduced.

The Student Services Health and Safety Team has selected and appointed Safety Representatives. Details of current Safety Representatives may be found on the health and safety website [www.dit.ie/safework](http://www.dit.ie/safework).
PROVISION OF INFORMATION

Staff, students, patients and others are made aware of safety matters by the following means:

• Agenda item at team meeting
• Desktop Emergency Response Flip charts
• Health & Safety notice boards
• Health & Safety Newsletters
• Toolbox talks
• Health & Safety Induction
• Health & Safety Training courses
• Signage:
  o Safety notice points
  o Emergency first aid procedure signs
  o Emergency floor plans
  o Assembly point maps
  o Fire actions notices
• Emergency Response posters
• Safety booklets
• Safety wallet cards
• Social media
• Website www.dit.ie/safework
• Health Promotional Posters

HEALTH AND SAFETY RESOURCES

The Student Health Centre codes all budgetary spend on activities/spend pertaining to safety, health and welfare. Considerable resources are expended by the Student Health Centre in securing the health, safety and welfare of employees in terms of personnel, time, materials, equipment and the purchase of goods and services.

Where additional equipment, training etc. is required whether as a result of ongoing risk assessment or legislative change, resources will be allocated on a prioritised basis to meet the identified requirements.

The health and safety website hosts a reference library of videos, texts, literature and other publications on health and safety matters.

SAFE SYSTEMS OF WORK

It is the policy of DIT to ensure that employees are not asked to perform tasks outside their competence and capacity. Safe systems of work have been designed with this objective in mind. Management shall keep a watching brief on safety matters and where necessary adjust or alter systems of work to make them as safe as is reasonably practicable.

The Student Health Centre has the following policies in place:

• Prevention and Management of Needlestick injuries and blood borne infections;
• Bullying, harrassment and dignity at work.

We also have incident logs where any potential hazard can be logged and addressed. Infection control?
Any others?
PROCUREMENT CONTROL

The purchasing of equipment, plant and substances is subject to the provisions of the *Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005* and associated regulations, thus all equipment, plant or substances will undergo risk assessment prior to acceptance into the Institute. The Student Health Centre follows all guidelines as per the Framework Parent Safety Statement and ensures that a risk assessment is carried out before any equipment/machinery or contractor/service provider is engaged.

INSPECTION PROCEDURES

All locations of work will be periodically inspected by a representative from the Health & Safety Office accompanied by local management and the Safety Representative. The Medical Director of the Student Health Centre, Dr. Brendan Clune, will ensure non-conformances identified are rectified and a log maintained.

Where in the opinion of the Health & Safety Officer or other competent officer, there is a risk of serious injury and immediate risk to individuals, he/she will have the authority to advise that the activity is stopped until adequate steps have been taken to eliminate risk or if possible reduced to an acceptable level. Where the risk cannot be reduced to an acceptable level and finance is not available, the Medical Director, Dr. Brendan Clune, shall ensure the activity is ceased.

In accordance with statutory requirements, certain examinations, testing and inspections are carried out on specific items. A list of those items, the frequency of inspection and the testing body is presented below.

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TRAINING

Health and Safety training is a legal requirement specified by the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act, 2005. It is also Institute policy that all employees attend such health and safety training and assessment. Please see the Institute’s Health and Safety Training Policy for Staff.

Each employee will be made aware of emergency action plans and arrangements pertinent to their workplace as per section 11 of the 2005 Act at induction by completing the online Emergency Response Training (ERT) programme.

Health and safety training required for the Student Health Centre includes:

**Mandatory Training:**
- Emergency Response Training (ERT)
- Manual Handling
- Legal Update for Managers (for grades V and above)
- AED (for medical staff)

**Specialist Training:**
- Gas Safety for medical gases – liquid nitrogen and oxygen (medical staff)
EMERGENCY PLANNING AND RESPONSE

SERIOUS INCIDENT/EMERGENCY
- Dial 112/999 (You may need to dial “0” for an outside line)
- Contact DIT Health & Safety Officer - 086 3891080

REQUIRES FIRST-AID
- Seek local first-aider – See Contacts Page
- Injured unwell staff/students:
  Occupational Health Officer:
  Rosie Cannon  087 9809194
- Injured/unwell students:
  Student Health Centres
  Northside  01 4023614
  Southside  01 4023051

If serious/after 5pm/in doubt, go directly to local A & E/local GP

REQUIRES FURTHER ATTENTION
- Staff members should attend their local GP
- Students should attend the Student Health Centre
- Structural safety matters - should be referred to the local Buildings Maintenance Manager
- Operational safety matters – should be documented on a Hazard Report Form and sent to the Health & Safety Office (www.dit.ie/safework)

FIRE & EVACUATION
STUDENT HEALTH CENTRE

INSTRUCTIONS ON DISCOVERING A FIRE
(all staff, students, visitors, patients, contractors/service providers etc.)
- Activate the nearest fire alarm point
- Leave the building using the nearest exit route
- Disperse from the building and move away to place of safety
- Do not use the lift
- Do not re-enter the building until the “all clear” has been given

INSTRUCTIONS ON HEARING THE EVACUATION ALARM OR OTHER WARNING
(all staff, students, visitors, patients, contractors/service providers, first-aiders etc.)

On hearing an alarm activation or other warning:
- Instruct staff and students to leave all areas including consultation rooms, offices, meeting rooms, sanitary facilities, common areas etc.
- All visitors should be escorted to safety by the person they are visiting
- Anyone in common areas or moving between areas, should immediately join the lines of people exiting
- Shut down equipment if safe to do so and time permits
• Close windows and doors to confine smoke/fire
• “Sweep search” the area (consultation rooms, offices, meeting rooms, sanitary facilities, storage areas), and evacuate the building immediately by the nearest available exit. Marshals should then leave immediately via the nearest escape route
• If required, assist any individuals to evacuate the area*
• Form a single file on both sides of the corridor or stairway, leaving the centre passageway clear
• Do not delay or stop to collect personal belongings
• Do not use the lift
• If heavy smoke present, try to find another exit or crouch low to the floor
• All doors should be closed (not locked) by the last person in the line
• Report to the designated Assembly Point(s) for your building – click here for details
• All evacuation marshals/sweepers, Building Maintenance personnel, Heads of Function, first-aiders should assemble at the assembly point to check in, reporting to the Incident Controller details of any casualties or people needing assistance with evacuation. This information is then given by the Incident Controller to the Emergency Services.
• Do not return to the building until instructed to do so by the Incident Controller

* Separate personal emergency egress plans (PEEP) have been prepared for people with disabilities

YOU SHOULD FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH THE LOCATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING:

• Escape routes
• Fire alarm call points
• Fire extinguishers and blankets
• Fire assembly points

Please click here to access the Assembly Point maps and pictures for all DIT buildings

The Student Health Centre will ensure that sufficient marshals are appointed on an ongoing basis to provide an effective service. All staff of the Student Health Centre will act as evacuation marshals in accordance with local evacuation procedures in their respective areas.

Your Incident Controller is: Porter on Duty

General Rule of Thumb – all staff should act as “sweepers” in the event of an emergency, checking offices, meeting rooms, sanitary facilities and storage areas as they exit to ensure that as they exit everywhere has been cleared.

YOU SHOULD NOT PUT YOURSELF IN DANGER AT ANY TIME

FIRST AID

• An emergency first aid kit and automatic external defibrillator (AED) is available at the front desk/reception area.
• A list of Institute staff who have completed training in first aid/AED is available on the health and safety website
Members of staff trained in this area:

- All medical staff
- Pamela Butler (reception Aungier St)

First aid kits are located at the front desk of each building. Please report any used items to the designated person in charge who is responsible for monitoring the contents and ensuring their replacement.

### Further Treatment / Incident Report Forms

- Staff may refer students to the Student Health Centre in DIT at 01 402 3614 / 402 3051 or contact the Emergency Services on 112 / 0999 if an incident is urgent
- Incident Report forms are available from the front desk and on the [health and safety website](#).
- An Occupational Health Officer Rosie Cannon is available at 087 9809194 weekdays 9:00am – 5:00 pm to deal with the occupational health, safety and welfare needs of all staff and students and to provide a back-up first aid service

### INCIDENT REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION

The Institute has a statutory duty to record all incidents and report certain types of incidents and dangerous occurrences to the Health and Safety Authority (HSA). Therefore all incidents resulting in personal injury, damage to property, dangerous occurrences or near miss e.g. must be reported immediately to your manager/supervisor.

The incident report form must be forwarded to the Health & Safety Officer within 24 hours of the incident occurring or as soon as possible. Incident report forms are available at the front desk/reception area and on the [health and safety website](#).

### HAZARD REPORTING

DIT recognises the part that its staff/students/visitors and contractors/service providers have to play in the reporting of hazards in the workplace. There is a report form to formally identify and report hazards. If the hazard is a structural issue, it should be reported immediately to the local Building Maintenance Manager and if it is an operational safety issue, it should be reported to local management using the Institute’s Hazard Report Form available on the [health and safety website](#).

### MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS/SERVICE PROVIDERS

All work undertaken by outside contractors/service providers on behalf of the Student Health Centre must be carried out under a Buildings Office Permit to Work.

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

It is the policy of DIT to eliminate all hazards where reasonably practicable. DIT will assess what PPE appropriate to the task/work environment is required only as a last resort when further risk reduction is not feasible.
All PPE and safety equipment purchased by the Student Health Centre must be of approved standards and comply with relevant EC Directives regarding design and manufacture. Defects shall be reported to managers/supervisors.

The various areas where PPE must be worn are outlined in the risk assessments. This is further complemented with signage. PPE shall be provided and worn in designated areas and whilst carrying out specific tasks, based on the risk assessments.

All PPE must be appropriate for the risks involved without it leading to increased risk. It should be chosen based on assessment and in consultation with staff members. The PPE should be used only for the purpose specified and where it is necessary to wear simultaneously more than one item of PPE, they must be compatible with each other and continue to be effective against the risks involved. Staff should report immediately when the PPE is faulty or defective or if they have any medical condition that may affect the correct use of the PPE.

PPE should be of a type suitable for the conditions in the workplace and take account of the user’s state of health. It is in principle intended for one’s personal use only, however if it is necessary for an item of PPE to be worn or used by more than one person, measures should be taken to ensure that it does not create any health or hygiene problems for the users. The supply, issue and record of all PPE is the responsibility of supervisors. Employees and students must be informed of all risks they are being protected from, instructed on the use of the PPE and given adequate information, training and demonstration in the wearing of such equipment and the level of protection afforded by its use. Every person provided with PPE must take reasonable care of such equipment and must make proper use of it where there is a foreseeable risk of injury and where they have been instructed to do so. They must also ensure that it is returned to storage subsequent to use. Supervision and monitoring are required to ensure PPE is used/worn.

Staff shall inform any person in the area including contractors/service providers, students and visitors of the statutory and local policies in place with regard to PPE.

PPE required for the Student Health Centre includes:

- Gloves
- Aprons
- Safety glasses

**ERGONOMICS**

All new equipment and machines, tools, work methods, work procedures and work stations should be assessed for ergonomic hazards prior to being brought into use. The Health & Safety Officer should be informed of the risk assessment process and will advise of competent people to assist with the risk assessment.

Staff should consider ergonomic standards when designing new workstations and layout of new offices. It is the responsibility of the Medical Director of the Student Health Centre, Dr. Brendan Clune, to ensure that all information on ergonomic controls is communicated to employees and students via circulars, team briefings or other means. He should also ensure that all problems identified are addressed and brought to the attention of the Health & Safety Officer.
WELFARE PROVISIONS

In accordance with legislation, Dublin Institute of Technology is committed to providing welfare facilities which are available to all staff which include the following:

- Adequate and suitable sanitary and washing and drying facilities with hot and cold running water maintained in a clean and hygienic condition
- Adequate number of lavatories and washbasins with hot and cold running water
- An adequate supply of potable drinking water at suitable points conveniently accessible to all employees, tested by the Buildings Office
- Suitable facilities for sitting/other ergonomic support, in the case where work can be done in a seated position
- Suitable and adequate facilities for boiling water and taking meals or reasonable access to other suitable and adequate facilities. All main campuses have staff common rooms and/or canteen facilities
- Easily accessible rest rooms/areas with seats with backs
- Adequate provision for drying wet or damp work clothes
- Adequate ventilation, temperature and lighting
- Fire detection and fire fighting equipment
- Emergency routes and exits
- Pedestrian and traffic management systems
- Clean and well maintained interior walls, floors and traffic routes
- Rest facilities for pregnant ladies or breastfeeding mothers
- Everyone is obliged to care for these facilities and must not misuse them. All welfare provisions should be maintained in a clean safe condition
- Arrangements for regular cleaning of premises and removal of waste should be made by the local Building Maintenance Manager. Arrangements for cleaning and waste disposal is outlined in the risk assessments below
- Drinking water is available to all staff via water dispensers throughout DIT buildings

SENSITIVE WORK GROUPS

Protection of Children and Young Persons
In cases where children must be present on Institute premises and therefore affected by our acts/omissions, sufficient notification must be given to the Health & Safety Office by the DIT host representative, of the situation, so that an appropriate risk assessment may be carried out. When on DIT property, the parents/guardians/host representative charged with responsibility for bringing the child onsite, must be responsible for that child and ensure that at all times they are supervised and protected from activities, processes, equipment, machinery, agents etc.

Pregnant Post-Natal and Breastfeeding Employees/Students
The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations 2007, places a duty on employers to assess the risks to determine any possible effects on new/expectant mothers resulting from any activity at the place of work.

- Each risk assessment will identify hazards in the workplace that could pose a health and safety risk to new and expectant mothers
- Where the assessment reveals a risk, then preventive or protective measures will be taken.
- Pregnant employees/students should advise the Health & Safety Office of their condition as soon as they are aware they are pregnant so that a confidential pregnancy risk assessment may be carried out.
- On returning to work/college any new mothers who are breastfeeding and require facilities should contact the Health & Safety Office.

**LONE WORKING AND OUT OF HOURS ACCESS**

There is a panic alarm in place for staff who may occasionally be required to work alone in the student health centres outside of term-time. Please see Ref 032 in the risk assessment section below.

**WORK PLACEMENT**

N/A

**TRIPS/TRAVEL**

All trips and travel proposals must have a risk assessment completed prior to the event.

**STAFF/STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Specific risk assessments will be completed to ensure that the health and safety needs of staff and students with permanent/temporary disabilities are taken into account. Preventative and proactive measures will be put in place following the risk assessment if specific hazards are identified. Personal emergency egress plans (PEEPs) will also be prepared if required. The Disability Liaison Officer will provide specialist and competent advice and liaise with the Health & Safety Officer, Occupational Health Officers, College Manager and Building Maintenance Manager. The onus is on visitors with a disability to notify staff at the front desk, who will assist in evacuation if required.

**HEALTH SURVEILLANCE**

Risk assessments will determine if health surveillance is required. Health Surveillance is made available to all staff appropriate to the health and safety risks present and facilitated by the Health & Safety Office. In certain circumstances, staff and students may be referred to our external Occupational Health Physician for a health assessment in relation to their work/studies to ensure that we can put in place any additional corrective action if required.

Eye tests are available for regular visual display unit users at the National Optometry Centre. Please familiarise yourself with the eye test policy which is available on the health and safety website.

Medical staff receive appropriate vaccinations, e.g. Hepatitis B, which are administered in-house by medical colleagues and records are held centrally by the health centre.
WORKPLACE DRUGS, INTOXICANTS AND ALCOHOL

An employee/student must ensure that he or she is not under the influence of an intoxicant to the extent that he or she is in such a state as to endanger his or her own safety, health or welfare or that of any other person. Contraventions will be dealt with as per DIT disciplinary procedures.

DIGNITY AT WORK ANTI BULLYING & HARASSMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The Institute’s Dignity at Work Anti Bullying & Harassment Policy and Procedures deals with complaints against members of staff in the workplace which also includes work associated events such as meetings, conferences and work related social events, whether on the premises or off site. Bullying or harassment of staff/students will not be tolerated. Please ensure that all staff are familiar with the relevant policy/procedure.

STRESS

The risk assessment will identify any areas where stress is a hazard and controls will be implemented to eliminate this hazard. The Human Resources department should be consulted immediately if an issue regarding stress is highlighted. An Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) is available to all staff. Students should liaise with their tutors in relation to issues regarding stress. Tutors are appointed for groups of students. Students may also seek assistance from the Student Health Centre and Student Counselling Service.

AUDIT, REVIEW AND COMMUNICATION

The Student Health Centre ensures that periodic health and safety audits are completed and a review of their safety statement and documentation takes place. This will be approved by the DIT SLT Health and Safety Sub-Committee. All changes will be communicated to all staff, students, visitors and contractors/service providers. The most recent revision of all safety statements will be available on the DIT safety website.

DOCUMENT CONTROL

This document is a controlled document and as such any updates, review and distribution will be in accordance with DIT’s standards for such documents. Only controlled copies will be updated when required. The Medical Director of the Student Health Centre, Dr. Brendan Clune, will issue new documents after appropriate consultation and agreement with relevant parties.

HAZARD IDENTIFICATION, RISK ASSESSMENT AND CONTROL MEASURES

It is the policy of the Institute to identify hazards in the workplace, assess the risk to safety and health and control these risks as far as is reasonably practicable.

The Framework Safety Statement outlines the generic hazards, which have been identified and the control measures that are in place.
It is incumbent on those responsible for managing their areas of work, at all levels, not merely to observe the arrangements described in the Parent Safety Statement, but to assess their applicability within their area of authority and where necessary to refine and extend them to deal with particular local situations. The management of the Dublin Institute of Technology is committed to ongoing identification of hazards, assessment of the appropriate risks and the introduction of controls to deal with them. Management at all levels have a responsibility to apply this principle within their area of authority.

Staff are encouraged to become involved and participate in safety, health & welfare issues. In particular, they are encouraged to identify any potential hazards, which may exist, and to ensure that a risk assessment is carried out. Ongoing hazard inspections will be carried out periodically to ensure that the information is updated, controls are adequate and where necessary the risks are reassessed.

A “hazard” is taken to mean “any substance, article, material or practice which has the potential to cause harm to the safety, health or welfare of staff, students, visitors, contractors/service providers in DIT”. Hazards may be classified as:

- Physical
- Chemical
- Biological
- Operational
- Human Factors

“Risk” is a measure of the probability of the event occurring and the severity and extent of the injury, ill health or damage it may cause if it did occur.

Risks may be classified as:

- High
- Medium
- Low

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<td>Occurrence is possible and could cause injury or ill health to an individual or a small group of people.</td>
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<td>Low</td>
<td>Occurrence is possible but unlikely, only minor injury would be caused and would probably be limited to a single individual.</td>
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The classification of hazards should be used to develop the priority of control measures, remedial actions, and the allocation of resources. As a general rule, the control measures will seek to eliminate any risk classified as high and reduce the potential of risks classified as medium or low.

Risk control measures are a combination of:

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<td>Engineering</td>
<td>Where common systems are used to protect all exposed to risk (e.g. Fire alarms, ventilation systems etc.)</td>
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**Personal Protection**  
Whereby the above means, the risk cannot be reasonably be reduced further, but an unacceptable level of risk remains, the team members are individually protected from the risk.

**Procedure**  
Where procedural controls are used. This will include procedures such as Standard Operating Procedures and training and the provision of information may apply to any and all of the above control measures.
## Risk Assessments for the Student Health Centre

### PHYSICAL

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| 001 | Fire Emergency Response & Evacuation | Who is harmed:  
- Staff members  
- Students  
- Visitors  
- Contractors/service providers  
- Sensitive risk groups  
  - young persons  
  - pregnant women  
  - people with disabilities |  
- Staff unfamiliar with evacuation procedure  
- Lack of evacuation drills  
- Use of naked flames  
- Improper storage of flammable or combustible materials  
- Smoking in undesignated areas  
- Faulty electrics  
- Inadequate emergency equipment  
- Misuse of equipment  
- Collision with vehicle traffic when evacuating premises |  
- Staff trained in Emergency Response Training (ERT)  
- Sufficient fire detection and extinguishing equipment available  
- Fire-fighting equipment and detection systems maintained and tested |  
- Maintain current controls  
- Garda assistance to be sought if traffic calming measures are required in the event of an emergency evacuation | With current controls: M  
With Actions applied: L |  
- All staff and Head of Function  
- MD | Ongoing |
<p>|   |        |                                 |                  |                          |            | All staff              | Ongoing             |</p>
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<td>• Emergency exits are clearly marked and free from obstructions</td>
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<td>• Emergency lighting in place</td>
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<td>• Staff members act as evacuation marshals</td>
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<td>• Evacuation marshals provided with high visibility jackets</td>
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<td>• No smoking policy in place</td>
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<td>• Proper storage of flammable liquids and gas cylinders</td>
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<td>• Scheduled maintenance of buildings services (heating, electricity, ventilation etc.)</td>
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<td>• Permit system in place for hot works</td>
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<td>• Compliance with building regulations</td>
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<td>• Site specific Emergency Manuals for each campus available on the website <a href="http://www.dit.ie/safework">www.dit.ie/safework</a></td>
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<td>emergency exits are kept clear and unobstructed</td>
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<td>• Announce the location of emergency exit(s) and assembly point(s) at the commencement of meetings with visitors</td>
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<td>• All service ducts will be maintained for that purpose only. No other materials (toilet rolls, cleaning materials, old furniture) will be allowed to be stored in these ducts</td>
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<td>• Ensure staff participation in the role of evacuation marshal</td>
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| 002 | Manual Handling | (lifting, putting down, pushing, pulling, carrying or moving of a load)  
- Office supplies  
- Medical supplies  
- Promotional & event materials  
Who is harmed:  
- Staff members  
- Contractors/service providers  
- Sensitive risk groups:  
  - young persons  
  - pregnant women  
  - people with disabilities | All staff compliant with and adhere to mandatory manual handling training  
Safety ladder/step stool available for access to high shelves  
Manual handling risk assessments available to all staff, contact local Occupational Health Officer  
Good housekeeping  
Implement team lifting with assistance from colleagues where required  
Adequate lighting maintained  
Report issues and health concerns to Line manager  
Heavy items not stored above shoulder height  
Lift available in main | With current controls: L.  
With Actions applied: L. | All staff | Ongoing |

- Maintain current controls  
- Refresher training to be carried out as required  
- Heavy or large/unwieldy loads are broken down into more manageable weights or are lifted by 2 people  
- Work is planned to avoid long distances, repetition, twisting, bending and/or unstable posture |
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<th>Campus buildings</th>
<th>Where possible, therapy tables are adjustable in height to minimise bending or awkward postures</th>
<th>In general, patient handling/lifting does not occur – and is avoided as much as possible.</th>
<th>Where patients present with injuries affecting their mobility, crutches and a wheelchair are available for use.</th>
<th>Place heavier items on shelving at mid-rift level and lightweight items at higher levels.</th>
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| 003 | Work Equipment, Machinery & Tools | • Therapy table | • Back injuries  
• Crush injuries  
• Falls  
• Infections | • Therapy table is used and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions  
• Visual checks of the table are carried out regularly, defects are reported and unsafe equipment is taken out of use  
• Maximum safe working load for the table is not exceeded  
• Table covering is maintained in a hygienic condition  
• Table height is adjustable, where possible, to ensure best working position | • Maintain current controls  
L | Medical staff | Ongoing |
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<td>Portable Appliances &amp; Handheld Equipment</td>
<td>Hand held instruments and medical devices</td>
<td>- Cuts &lt;br&gt;- Burns &lt;br&gt;- Infections</td>
<td>- Disposable equipment is used where possible for hygiene reasons &lt;br&gt;- Equipment labelled as single use is used only for a single procedure and disposed of safely &lt;br&gt;- Cleaning and decontamination procedures are in place for reusable equipment &lt;br&gt;- Equipment is used and maintained according to manufacturer’s instructions &lt;br&gt;- Instruments are checked before use, defects are reported and unsafe equipment is taken out of use &lt;br&gt;- PPE worn as</td>
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- Good hygiene practices are in place

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<td><strong>Structural:</strong> Floors Walls Ceilings Doors Windows Stairs Fixtures and fittings:  ○ Shelving  ○ Furniture  ○ Partitions</td>
<td>• Personal Injury  • Slips, Trips and Falls  • Collapse  • Trapping  • Building and associated fixtures and fittings appear to be stable and structurally sound  • Defects and hazards are reported to the Building Maintenance Manager or through online hazard reporting</td>
<td><strong>Current Controls</strong></td>
<td>• Contact Buildings Office if problems arise  • Ensure where vision panels on fitted on doors they are not obscured  • Maintenance and inspection programme to be implemented with records kept</td>
<td><strong>With current controls:</strong> L  <strong>With Actions applied:</strong> L</td>
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| 007 | Slips, Trips & Falls | Who is harmed:  
- Staff members  
- Students  
- Visitors  
- Contractors/service providers  
- Sensitive risk groups:  
  - young persons  
  - pregnant women  
  - people with disabilities  | Slips/trips/falls from:  
  - wet floor conditions  
  - uneven surfaces  
  - trailing cables  
  - raised obstacles  
  - poor lighting  
  - poor housekeeping  
  - changes in floor levels  | All routes kept clear and unobstructed  
  - SOP for cleaning and spillages – floors generally cleaned by contractors at off-peak times when most personnel are off site  
  - Use of warning signage where appropriate  
  - Hazard reporting system in place  
  - Good cable management - trailing cables and leads are re-routed, removed or secured  
  - Changes in floor levels identified and marked  
  - Door mats provided at main entrance  | Maintain current controls  
  - Staff should not leave drawers and filing cabinets open which could cause trip hazards  
  - Buildings Office to ensure upkeep and maintenance of internal and external access and egress routes e.g. walkways, paths, floors, corridors, steps and stairs  | With current controls: L  
  - With Actions applied: L  | All staff  
  - Building Maintenance Manager  | Ongoing  
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| 008 | Access and Egress | • Security threats  
• Threats from public  
• Violence / assault  
• Unwanted visitors | • Front desk of main buildings is manned by a porter at all times  
• Sign-in required by visitors at front desk  
• Swipe card/keypad access in place in some parts of main buildings  
• CCTV in common areas  
• Access control (buzzer/mag lock system) in place on main entrance door to health centre in Linenhall  
• Rooms locked when not in use  
• Adequate lighting  
• Students have | • Maintain current controls  
• Report suspicious activity to porter  
• Secure personal property  
• Carry out spot-checks of student I.D. cards  
• Ensure vision panels on doors are not obscured | • Buildings Office  
• All staff | • Ongoing  
• As necessary  
• Ongoing |

Who is harmed:  
• Staff members  
• Students  
• Visitors  
• Contractors/service providers  
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| 009 | Office Equipment: | - Desktop PC  
- Laptop  
- Photocopier  
- Printer  
- Shredder  
- Guillotine  
- Filing Cabinet  
- AV Projector  
- Laminator  
- Fax Machine  
- Scanner | - Personal injury due to:  
  - chemical contact when changing toner  
  - burns from clearing jams  
  - electrical shock/contact with live parts  
  - entanglement in moving parts  
  - contact with sharp edges  
- Incorrect disposal  
- Lack of information / training | - Gloves worn when changing printer/toner cartridges and wash hands after use  
- Power turned off before clearing jams or making adjustments  
- Manufacturer’s instructions followed  
- PCs and printers supported and maintained by DIT Information Services  
- Correct disposal of waste cartridges  
- Ensure no loose or dangling clothing/personal effects when operating equipment with moving/rotating | - Maintain current controls  
- Where necessary, competent Service Engineers will be called to carry out repairs and scheduled maintenance  
- Equipment should be located in areas only where there is suitable ventilation to remove the dust and heat generated by the equipment | - All staff | - Ongoing |
- Do not overload electrical sockets
- Ensure guard in place on guillotine
- Filing cabinets fitted with anti-tilt mechanism
- Label defective equipment and report to line manager
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| 010 | Office / Workstation Ergonomics | • Musculoskeletal Disorders (MSD’s)  
• Upper limb disorders  
• Poor posture  
• Back problems  
• Fatigue  
• Eyestrain  
• Thermal discomfort | • Offices are laid out in such a manner so as to be conducive to a health care environment  
• Online eLearning programme available  
• Workstation risk assessments and information and training available from the Health & Safety Office on request  
• Eye tests available for staff at the DIT National Optometry Centre (NOC)  
• Adjustable chairs  
• Window blinds in place  
• Adequate space  
• Adequate storage  
• Good housekeeping  
• Good cable management  
• Adequate building | • Maintain current controls  
• Contact Occupational Health Office for assessment of individual workstations  
• Contact NOC for eye test  
• Ensure laptops are not used in place of desktop PCs for prolonged computer work  
• Where refurbishment is being carried out, | • All staff  
• Head of Function | • Ongoing  
• As necessary  
• As necessary  
• Ongoing |
services (heating, lighting ventilation) • Follow manufacturer’s instructions for use of equipment

consideration should be given to best practice in ergonomics • All chairs to be checked annually by a designated person. Defective chairs to be removed and labelled until repair/disposal

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| 013 | Hot Surfaces / Liquids / Solids | Catering appliances in canteen and/or staff room. For example: • Kettle • Toaster • Microwave • Burco boiler | • Contact burns • Scalds • Spillage • Fire | • Warning signage in place • Heat shielding of hot surfaces • Equipment well maintained and checked regularly for defects • Use of lids/covers to prevent spillages • Procedure for dealing with spillages • Equipment turned off at end of each day | • Maintain current controls • Take due care with appliances • Report defects to Buildings Office and take unsafe equipment out of use | • All staff | • Ongoing

**Who is harmed:**
- Staff members
- Visitors
- Sensitive risk groups:
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<td>- Heating in working order&lt;br&gt;- Room users can adjust heating levels&lt;br&gt;- Regular service and maintenance by competent person&lt;br&gt;- Combustible materials kept away from heat source&lt;br&gt;- Heat source kept clear and free from obstructions&lt;br&gt;- Environmental monitoring from the Health and Safety Office on request&lt;br&gt;- Fire detection systems in place</td>
<td>- Maintain current controls&lt;br&gt;- Ensure that no storage heater is covered or used to dry clothes&lt;br&gt;- Contact Buildings Office if problems or defects arise</td>
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| 018 | Lighting | • Inadequate lighting  
• Glare  
• Eyestrain  
• Slips, trips, falls | • Light switches easily accessible  
• Adequate lighting level for nature of work  
• Environmental monitoring available from the Health and Safety Office on request  
• Regular service and maintenance by competent person | • Maintain current controls  
• Contact Buildings Office if problems or defects arise | With current controls:  
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| 019 | Ventilation and temperature | - Environment too hot or cold  
- Inadequate ventilation  
- Falls from heights from windows | - Openable windows available for intake of fresh air  
- Blinds in place and in working order  
- Suitable equipment/devices available for the opening and closing of high level windows  
- Service and maintenance of ventilation system by competent person  
- Office temperature of at least 17.5 degrees Celsius (after one hour of work)  
- Environmental monitoring from the Health and Safety Office on request | - Maintain current controls  
- Ensure all ventilation, heating and air conditioning systems are used and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions  
- Contact Buildings Office if problems or defects arise | With current controls: L.  
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| 020 | Electricity | • Electric shock  
• Electrocution  
• Burns  
• Fire  
• Explosion  
• Electrical arcing  
• Use of faulty equipment  
• Contact with live parts  
• Unmarked distribution boards  
• Inadequate electrical installations | • Sufficient numbers of electrical sockets  
• Electric leads not worn or trailing  
• Competent person to carry out repairs / works  
• All works, servicing and testing is carried out as per regulations  
• Shut down equipment when not in use and at end of day  
• Adequate protection and signage for circuit boards, distribution boards etc.  
• Report defects and take damaged equipment out of use  
• Good housekeeping  
• Suitable fire extinguishers provided  
• Switch off equipment before cleaning or making adjustments | With current controls:  
• Maintain current controls  
• Contact Buildings Office if problems arise  
• Do not overload sockets  
• Keep use of adaptors and extension leads to a minimum | All staff | Ongoing |
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<td>• Unfamiliar with DIT buildings and safety procedures • Injury to contractors, staff, students, visitors members of the public</td>
<td>• Buildings Office control all contractors • Permit to work system in place for hot works, work at height, confined spaces • The front desk is manned at all times by a porter • Sign-in required by contractors at front desk • Compliance with DIT code of practice for contractors • Contractors complete DIT induction via online eLearning programme • DIT Contractor safety badge must be worn • Risk assessment and method statements completed and submitted to the Buildings Office • Good housekeeping • Areas of hazardous</td>
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| 027 | Cleaning | Who is harmed:  
- Staff members  
- Students  
- Visitors  
- Contractors/service providers  
- Sensitive risk groups:  
  - young persons  
  - pregnant women  
  - people with disabilities  |  
- Lack of cleanliness or hygiene  
- Manual handling injury  
- Exposure to hazardous substances  
- Spillages: slips, trips and falls  
- Lack of/inappropriate PPE  
- Spread of infections  |  
- Daily cleaning schedule  
- Signage (e.g. wet floor signs) available and used  
- Proper storage of cleaning equipment and cleaning substances  
- Proper labeling of cleaning agents  
- Use of appropriate cleaning equipment  
- Report defects and hazards  
- Appropriate information and training provided to cleaning staff  
- SOPs in place by cleaning contractors  
- PPE for cleaning staff |  
- Maintain current controls  
- Ensure standard of cleaning and disinfection is appropriate to a health care environment |  
- Contract cleaning staff and supervisors (Noonan) |  
- Ongoing |
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| 028 | Waste Disposal & Removal | • Healthcare/clinical waste  
• Sharps | | | | |
|     | Who is harmed: | | | | | |
|     | • Staff members  
• Students  
• Visitors  
• Contractors/service providers  
• Sensitive risk groups:  
  • young persons  
  • pregnant women  
  • people with disabilities | | | | | |
|     | • Waste accumulation  
• Fire  
• Spillages  
• Odour  
• Vermin  
• Infectious disease  
• Needle-stick injuries | • Containers for general waste, recycling and hazardous waste present  
• Dispose of waste in appropriate bins provided  
• Waste is segregated as appropriate  
• General waste removed on a regular basis by cleaning contractors  
• Keep waste away from sources of ignition e.g. heaters, electrical appliances  
• Hazardous waste is segregated and packaged to ensure safe containment  
• Risk waste containers (bags and bins) are yellow in colour and | | | | |
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| 029 | Signage and Documentation | Who is harmed:  
- Staff members  
- Students  
- Visitors  
- Contractors/service providers  
- Sensitive risk groups:  
  - young persons  
  - pregnant women  
  - people with disabilities | ● Lack of knowledge regarding safety and emergency procedures | The following signage is in place throughout each building:  
- Emergency Exit  
- Emergency First-aid Procedure  
- Evacuation plan  
- Fire Action Notice  
- Safety Notice point  
- No Smoking  
- Emergency contact numbers  
- Refuge point | ● Maintain current controls and update signage as required  
- Observe signage in place | With current controls:  
- With Actions applied:  
  - L | Head of Function and Building Maintenance Manager  
- All staff | Ongoing |
## Incidents Hazard Reporting
### First-Aid

### Who is harmed:
- Staff members
- Students
- Visitors
- Contractors/service providers
- Sensitive risk groups:
  - young persons
  - pregnant women
  - people with disabilities

### Risk(s) Associated / Description
- Lack of first-aid supplies
- Lack of trained first aiders
- Lack of knowledge/skills in the event of an incident
- No reporting of incident(s)
- No reporting of hazards

### Control Measures

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<td>First-aid kit, AED and incident report forms available at the front desk of each main campus building</td>
<td>Attend mandatory training as per DIT Policy</td>
<td>With current controls: L</td>
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- Opening high level windows  
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- Staff members  
- Students  
- Visitors  
- Contractors/service providers  
- Sensitive risk groups:  
  - young persons  
  - pregnant women  
  - people with disabilities |  
- Falls from height  
- Falling objects |  
- Safety ladder/step stool provided for safe access to high shelves  
- Use of chairs /tables for access to height is prohibited  
- Suitable equipment/devices available for the opening and closing of high level windows  
- Items should not be thrown from a height |  
- Maintain current controls  
- Inspection and maintenance programme for safety ladders/step stools |  
- With current controls:  
  - L  
  - With Actions applied L |  
- All staff  
- Head of Function |  
- Ongoing  
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| 032 | Out of Hours Access / Lone Working | • Out of hours access does not occur  
• Staff may work alone from time to time in offices during normal opening hours  
• Violence  
• Inability to make contact in the event of an emergency etc.  
• Unauthorised access  
• Locked into building | • The front desk of the main buildings is manned at all times by a porter  
• CCTV in common areas  
• Vision panels fitted on doors (except doors to private consultation rooms)  
• Front door of Linenhall Lodge kept locked at all times (security mag lock button inside to allow access as appropriate)  
• Sweep-search of building conducted by porter as part of closing down procedure  
• Building opening/closing times posted on DIT website  
• Offices equipped with | • Maintain current controls | With current controls:  
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- Students
- Visitors
- Contractors/service providers
- Sensitive risk groups:
  - young persons
  - pregnant women
  - people with disabilities

- Injuries
- Accidents and incidents
- Unfamiliar with DIT premises and emergency plans

- Specific risk assessment carried out for each event and control measures implemented
- Emergency plans in place with regard to evacuation and first aid
- Report all incidents and accidents to DIT
- Provide relevant health and safety information to event participants

- Maintain current controls

With current controls: L.

With Actions applied: L.

- Head of Function and all staff

- As required
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<td>• Annual Irish Student Health Association conference; • Confederation of Student Services of Ireland conferences x 2 annually; • Medical seminars/workshops throughout the year</td>
<td>• Travel to and from • Road traffic accidents • Unfamiliar with venue • Medical emergency • Missing persons</td>
<td>• Taxi vouchers available to staff for travel in Dublin as necessary • Staff obey rules of the road if driving or cycling • Adequate insurance, tax and NCT on vehicles used for transport • Familiarise yourself with local emergency procedures and first aid arrangements • Report defects and incidents to venue management • Approval for attendance to be sought from Line Manager as per DIT procedures</td>
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### Safety Statement, DIT Student Health Centre

#### Operational

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| 037 | Storage | - Inadequate storage  
  - Improper storage  
  - Inadequate space for safe manual handling  
  - Poor housekeeping  
  - Slips, trips and falls  
  - Unsafe access and egress  
  - Inadequate lighting and/or ventilation | - Safe access and egress  
  - Storage of heavy items avoided above shoulder height where possible  
  - Items stored appropriately  
  - Items segregated where necessary  
  - Storage units secure and fit for purpose  
  - Step ladder/foot stool available for accessing higher shelving units  
  - Staff trained in manual handling  
  - Items not stored in walkways  
  - Defects reported  
  - Adequate lighting and ventilation | - Maintain current controls | With current controls:  
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  With Actions applied  
  L | - All staff | - Ongoing |
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| 038 | Sensitive Work Groups: Pregnant Employees & Nursing Mothers |  ● Fatigue  
   ● Harm to mother, unborn child or breastfeeding baby from exposure to:  
   ○ Physical agents e.g. noise, vibration, manual handling  
   ○ Chemical agents  
   ○ Biological agents |  • Specific risk assessment carried out for individual pregnant employees/students and control measures implemented as identified and necessary by the Health & Safety Office  
   • Rest facilities available  
   • Follow medical advice as necessary |  • Pregnant employees and nursing mothers to contact Occupational Health Officer Rosie Cannon to ensure a risk assessment is carried out. |  With current controls: L  
   With Actions applied: L |  All staff |  As necessary |
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| 039 | Sensitive Work Groups: Young Persons | • Lack of training and experience  
• Lack of familiarity with DIT work environment, work practices and emergency plans  
• Exposure to special risks:  
  o Physical agents  
  o Chemical agents  
  o Biological agents  
• Hours of work | • Induction programme for all new students  
• Supervision of students by staff  
• DIT Child Protection Policy in place  
• DIT emergency plans in place  
• Student support services available  
• Garda vetting in place for staff | • Maintain current controls | With current controls: L  
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| 040 | Sensitive Work Groups: People with Disabilities | • Poor access/egress  
• Difficulty with evacuation  
• No risk assessment (RA) completed  | • Specific risk assessment carried out for individuals on a case by case basis by Health & Safety Office  
• Personal Emergency Egress Plan (PEEP) completed where necessary  
• Reasonable accommodation identified in risk assessment  
• Lift available in main buildings  
• Disability Support Service available  
• Accessible toilet available  
• Health & Safety induction available to staff and students  | • Staff with disabilities to contact Occupational Health Officer Rosie Cannon to ensure a risk assessment is carried out.  
• Advise visitors to the Student Health Centre to notify DIT host in advance of any special needs  
• Ensure the layout of the student health centres allow good access/egress for people with disabilities  | With current controls: L  
With Actions applied: L  | • All staff  
• Head of Function  | • As necessary  
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| 041 | Sensitive Work Groups: New Recruits | • Lack of experience  
• Lack of training  
• Accidents and incidents  
• Lack of training and experience  
• Lack of familiarity with DIT work environment, work practices and emergency plans | - Induction available for new staff  
- Line Manager gives induction specific to local department  
- Mandatory training to be completed as soon as possible after recruitment  
- Supervision of new staff | • Maintain current controls  
• Consider assigning a mentor/buddy to new recruits  
- With current controls: L  
- With Actions applied: L | • Head of Function | • Ongoing |
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| 044 | Stress | • Health effects – physical and mental  
• Absence from work | • Communication between staff and management  
• Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) in place  
• Occupational Stress Management Policy & Procedures in place  
• Training and development courses available to staff appropriate to needs e.g. Stress Management, Time Management, Personal Skills, Dealing with people in crisis etc. | • Maintain current controls  
• Extra training for avoiding stressful scenarios | With current controls: L  
With Actions applied: L | • Head of Function | • Ongoing |
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| 045 | Violence | • Theft  
• Verbal threats/abuse  
• Physical assault / injuries  
• Stress, fear, anxiety  
• Theft of medical supplies | • Emergency Response Training (ERT) mandatory for staff  
• Front desk is manned at all times  
• DIT staff and students report suspect individuals to DIT Buildings Office  
• Adequate lighting  
• Rooms locked when not in use  
• CCTV in common areas  
• Panic alarm in place  
• Phone numbers of both porters desks clearly visible on phone in each room  
• Vision panels fitted on doors (but not on doors to consultation rooms)  
• Offices are equipped with telephones | With current controls: L.  
With Actions applied: L. | • Head of Function and all staff | • Ongoing |
- Training available for staff on how to deal with conflict, aggression etc.
- One-to-one appointments held during normal office hours (i.e. Monday to Friday 09.00 – 17.00) unless specific safety measures are put in place
- Appointment times are well managed to avoid overlaps and delays
- Secure cash handling systems are in place
- Procedures for cash handling and transit are in place
- Physical barrier in place at reception desks by means of furniture and/or fixtures/fittings
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Who is harmed:
- Staff members
- Students
- Sensitive risk groups:
  - young persons
  - pregnant women
  - people with disabilities

With current controls:
- L

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- L
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| 047 | Welfare Facilities:  
  - Sanitary facilities  
  - Staff room  
  - Canteen  
  **Who is harmed:**  
  - Staff members  
  - Students  
  - Visitors  
  - Contractors/service providers  
  - Sensitive risk groups:  
    - young persons  
    - pregnant women  
    - people with disabilities |  
  - Inadequate facilities  
  - No potable water  
  - No means for boiling water / heating food  
  - No seating / resting area  
  - No hand-washing facilities |  
  - Staff room/canteen present with seating facilities  
  - Drinking water available  
  - Hot and cold water available in sanitary facilities  
  - Accessible toilet available  
  - Adequate sanitary facilities available  
  - Hand washing facilities adequate |  
  - Care to be taken with hot surfaces, hot drinks and boiling water |  
  **With current controls:**  
  - L.  
  **With Actions applied L.** |  
  - All staff |  
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| 048 | **Visitors** | • Delivery personnel  
• Sales reps  
**Who is harmed:**  
• Staff members  
• Students  
• Visitors  
• Contractors/service providers  
• Sensitive risk groups:  
  • young persons  
  • pregnant women  
  • people with disabilities | • Lack of experience  
• Lack of training  
• Injuries  
• Accidents and incidents  
• Lack of familiarity with DIT work environment, work practices and emergency plans | • Front desk of main buildings manned at all times by a porter  
• Receptionist at front desk in student health centres  
• Safety signage throughout building with regard to emergency procedures  
• Risk assessments completed for specific events where groups of visitors are expected  
• CCTV in common areas of main buildings  
• Panic alarm in place  
• Phone numbers of both porters desks clearly visible on phone in each room  
• Visitors briefed on emergency procedures by person they are visiting | • Maintain current controls  
**With current controls:**  
• L.  
**With Actions applied:**  
• L. | • All staff and Head of Function | • Ongoing |
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| 049 | Contractors / Service Providers | Delivery of liquid nitrogen & oxygen, medical supplies, removal of sharps and medical waste, couriers collecting & delivering | • Unfamiliar with DIT buildings and safety procedures | • Front desk of main buildings is manned at all times by a porter  
  • Contractors/service providers to sign-in at front desk  
  • Contractors/service providers to complete online eLearning programme  
  • Receptionist at front desk in student health centres | • Maintain current controls | With current controls:  
  With Actions applied:  
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**Who is harmed:**
- Staff members
- Students
- Visitors
- Contractors/service providers
- Sensitive risk groups:
  - young persons
  - pregnant women
  - people with disabilities

- Aggression
- Violence
- Stress
- Bullying
- Harassment
- Noise
- Disturbance
- Horseplay

- DIT Dignity at Work: Anti Bullying & Harassment Policy in place
- Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) in place
- Panic alarm in place
- Phone numbers of both porters desks clearly visible on phone in each room
- Occupational Stress Management Policy & Procedures in place
- Training courses available to staff on stress management, personal skills etc.
- All incidents are reported immediately
- DIT Disciplinary procedures in place
- DIT Procedure for the Resolution of Disputes/Grievances in place

- Maintain current controls
- Follow procedures in DIT’s Dignity at Work: Anti Bullying & Harassment Policy

- With current controls: L
- With Actions applied: L

- All staff
- Ongoing
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| 051 | Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) | • Protective gloves  
• Disposable aprons/gowns  
• Safety glasses  

Who is harmed:  
• Staff members  
• Students  
• Sensitive risk groups:  
  • young persons  
  • pregnant women  
  • people with disabilities  

• Improper fit and use  
• Incorrect type  
• Poor maintenance  
• Lack of training  
• Exposure to chemical and biological agents  
• Contamination  
• Spread of infections | • Appropriate selection of PPE  
• Medical staff trained in use of PPE  
• Disposable/single use PPE is used where possible for hygiene reasons  
• Manufacturer’s instructions for use are followed  
• Safe work practices in place for the safe donning and removal of contaminated PPE  
• Latex products are avoided to reduce risk of allergic reactions | • Maintain current controls  
• With current controls: L  
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| 052 | Chemical Agents Solids/Liquids | ● Unauthorised access  
● Misuse of substances  
● Dispensing errors  
● Incorrect disposal | • An inventory is prepared and kept up to date  
• Product labels and supplier’s data sheets are available  
• Only trained and authorized staff have access to and handle or dispense medicines  
• All chemical agents are handled, stored, dispensed and disposed of in accordance with the supplier’s data sheets  
• Drugs and medicines are stored safely and protected from unauthorised access  
• Expiry dates of medicines and drugs are regularly checked | ● Maintain current controls | M | Medical staff | Ongoing |
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| 053 | Chemical Agents Medical Gases | • Liquid nitrogen  
• Oxygen | • Unauthorised access  
• Gas leak  
• Fire  
• Explosion  
• Cold burn | • All medical gases are used, handled, stored and disposed of in accordance with the supplier's safety data sheet  
• Medical gases are only used by trained and authorized staff  
• Cylinders are stored away from any sources of ignition/heat, flammable liquids or combustible materials  
• Warning signs are posted at the point of storage  
• Cylinders are secured from falling  
• Cylinders are moved securely and | • Maintain current controls | M  
Medical staff | Ongoing |
- Cylinders of different gases are segregated and stored separately from one another
- Secured upright when in use
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| lancets, needles, syringes | reusable devices  
• PPE and spill kits available  
• Vaccination programme in place for medical staff  
• Procedures are in place for the reporting and management of accidental exposure e.g. body fluid spill, needle-stick injury etc.  
• Procedures are in place for the reporting and management of an outbreak of a communicable or transmissible disease  
• Needle-free systems and/or sharps with inbuilt safety mechanisms are used where possible  
• Re-capping of needles is not allowed  
• Sharps are |
disposed of safely in approved containers which are not overfilled

- Safe systems of work are in place for the use of sharps
- Designated fridge for storage of vaccinations
- Separate toilet facilities for staff and patients
- Hand sanitisers in place at main entry/exit points
- Specimens are labelled, bagged and carried and stored in a secure collection box
- Consumption of food in treatment rooms is prohibited

See also Ref 028 Waste Disposal & Removal