

Health & Safety Policy

Summary – Access to the University by Children



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The University has a responsibility to manage access to its buildings. This includes children (defined in Scottish Law as those under 16 years of age) and young persons (under 18). The University has various potentially hazardous areas. These include laboratories, workshops, kitchens and plant rooms. It is also the case that children can be subject to hazards within general areas as a result of the normal traffic of staff and materials.

Access to general and public areas of the University by children will be permitted only when they are accompanied by a responsible adult. Children coming into the University with adults must not be without their supervision at any time.

Access by children to teaching laboratories, teaching workshops and sports centres will be permitted only at prearranged University activities when appropriate staff are in attendance and a suitable and sufficient risk assessment has been completed and communicated to the relevant personnel.

No children under any circumstances will be allowed to access the following areas:

- Roof areas
- Workshops
- Plant rooms
- Telecommunication (IT server) rooms
- Studios – film and photography
- High voltage and low voltage electrical rooms
- Chemical stores
- Confined spaces
- Laboratories (unless organised visits/ risk assessment in place).

Contractors are not permitted to bring children on to the campus.

This policy will cover what requirements need to be met with regard to children accessing the University premises and covers the following areas:

- Policy Statement
- Events and Sporting Events & Activities
- Children of Students, Visitors and Staff
- Definitions
- Responsibilities
- Accidents
- Compliance Monitoring



Further information and related links

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Risk Assessment Form [click here](#)