The Faculty of Natural Sciences (Faculty) is committed to pursuing excellence in research and teaching and, ensuring the health and safety of staff, students, visitors, contractors and members of the public who are, or may be, affected by Faculty activities.

Risk assessment of health, safety and environmental hazards and the identification and implementation of the relevant control measures is the first requirement for world class science and is a vital part of good management. All relevant members of the Faculty must identify hazards, assess the risks from them and where these are significant, identify the control measures already in place, and any further ones that may be required. The process must be systematic, recorded and reviewed.

The Faculty Dean and the Faculty Management Committee require all staff, students, contractors, visitors and other employers who work at Imperial College to fulfil their responsibilities as described in the College Health and Safety Structure and Responsibilities document.

Faculty Arrangements

- The Faculty has a safety management system (SMS) to ensure no-one is affected adversely by work carried out within its environs and receives competent advice from the Faculty Safety team.
- Faculty Appointed Health and Safety Academic Leads provide advice on specific hazards.
- The SMS is designed to achieve effective communication throughout the Faculty and including Departmental written arrangements to demonstrate compliance at all levels with the College Health and Safety Policy statement and policies. To ensure success, each element in the system must connect with every other and be monitored and reviewed to confirm its effectiveness.
- Each Department must have a Health and Safety Committee chaired by a Head of Department. The Silwood campus has a committee which shares information with the relevant committees based at South Kensington. Each committee will have their own terms of reference.
- Each Department must make arrangements to ensure information on health and safety is communicated to all staff and students.
- Each Department must have arrangements for regular health and safety inspections of their areas.
- All staff must receive appropriate guidance and training from the College on their line management responsibilities.
- Health and safety must be considered as a standing agenda item at all relevant management meetings, so its impact on Departmental and Faculty activities are considered.
- The College Safety Dept. and Fire Office will be consulted on any building, renovation or refurbishment work done in Faculty environs.
- Supervisors must ensure that their staff and students are trained to carry out their work safely and effectively, and to ensure they understand how and why they are using the associated control measures. In addition, they must be trained in emergency procedures.
- Departments are required to identify their hazards and risks, monitor control measures and ensure associated risk assessments are carried out, regularly reviewed and their findings implemented.
- Maintenance, testing, repairs and replacements of equipment must be planned and accounted for.
- The statement and arrangements are reviewed annually.

The statement and arrangements described above are endorsed by the Faculty Management Committee and the Faculty Dean:

Professor Tom Welton