

Faculty of Natural Sciences

Health and Safety Statement by Prof Richard Craster, Dean of Faculty of Natural Sciences



‘The Faculty of Natural Sciences is committed to excellence in research and teaching. It is not possible to achieve this unless we are also committed to excellence in Health and Safety management and practice. Meeting these high standards is the responsibility of everyone; that means you!

It is easy to put thoughts of Health and Safety to one side, or to think that it is “someone else’s responsibility”, but we all need to think about this and engage with it to prevent accidents or other issues. I ask you to go and look at the instructions and guidance in the [College Health and Safety Structure and Responsibilities](#) document and [Faculty Health and Safety website](#) and then think about your working environment and that of those you work alongside in the context of Health and Safety.

Achieving a good Health and Safety culture requires transparency, trust, a willingness to report accidents and near misses, and to be able to raise issues with peers and managers so they can be resolved.’

The Faculty of Natural Sciences has put in place the following to help you to meet your responsibilities:

- The Faculty Safety Team and Dept. and Dept. Safety Advisors provide advice and guidance on health and safety issues.
- Each Dept. has a health and safety committee chaired by the Head of Dept., with suitable representation for staff and students.
- Inspections of work areas are completed regularly, with good practice being highlighted and assistance given to improve issues where needed.
- There is a ‘no blame culture’ to encourage staff and students to report accidents and near misses so they can be prevented in the future.
- All staff and students have access to College, Dept. and local training courses and induction documents and are actively encouraged to attend where it is relevant to their role.

Further guidance and information can be found via the [College, Faculty and Dept. safety webpages](#).