

H&S in practical science for early career teachers

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Science teaching has a very good health and safety record. However there are pitfalls to trap the early career science teacher as there are many hazardous chemicals, living organisms, and unfamiliar pieces of equipment and procedures in use in school laboratories.

As well as knowing how to work safely, early career teachers need to develop the skills needed to run a successful and safe practical lesson. As part of the course we will consider what this means and offer suggestions and tips based on CLEAPSS resources.

This one day course will de-bunk some of the myths surrounding what you can and cannot do in science lessons as well as exploring the legal requirements and duties placed on teachers and their employers.

Activities in the lab that commonly give rise to problems will be highlighted and discussed, and there will be opportunities to discuss each participant's own safety concerns.

On this course you will look at model risk assessments, such as *Hazcards*, and consider how these can be used to address problems presented by a particular activity, school, room or class. You will also look at the importance of adopting control measures, such as eye protection, and of sticking to agreed procedures.

The session dealing with emergencies will look at *Immediate Remedial Measures* for personal injuries and other incidents.

The objectives for this course are to:

- raise the awareness of health and safety matters affecting new science teachers
- fulfill, in part, the obligation on employers to provide health and safety training for new staff
- develop an understanding of risk assessment
- allow participants to share concerns about health and safety matters
- further develop skills and techniques for running a successful practical lesson

There will be 4 sessions:

- Safety in school science
- Risk assessment and dealing with emergencies
- How to make the best use of CLEAPSS resources
- Dealing with issues raised by participants including learning from past accidents



Duration: 1 Day

Times: Start 9am; Finish 4pm (approx.)

For dates of the next scheduled course please see our website

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