Welcome to the first issue of Engineering Safety which will become a regular bulletin within the School. Further information on these and other topics is available in the Schools Safety Handbooks or by contacting the School Safety Adviser.

SAFETY INDUCTIONS

- All new staff and postgraduates must undertake a basic safety induction and individual line managers and supervisors are responsible for ensuring that this happens.
- A more specific safety induction is required prior to commencing laboratory work. Supervisors are responsible for ensuring that persons in their charge receive adequate training.

RISK ASSESSMENTS

- Staff and students undertaking work in the laboratory or the field must carry out a risk assessment signed off by their supervisor. Information on risk assessments is available on the School’s safety pages.
- Handouts for laboratory classes must always begin by identifying the main hazards associated with the work and the necessary precautions to be taken.

DISABLED FIRE EVACUATION

- A number of volunteers have recently been trained in the use of lifts for the evacuation of disabled persons.
- Currently only the lift in the West Wing is designated as an evacuation lift. No disabled persons can be brought up beyond first floor of the East Wing.

LASER SAFETY

- Before commencing work with any laser equipment all persons must first undergo laser safety training organized by Dr Thevar.
- Anyone considering the purchase of laser equipment must first discuss this with Dr Thevar with regards to laser safety provisions that need to be in place.

WORKING ON MACHINERY

- Before undertaking maintenance or experimental work on equipment with exposed electrical terminals or moving parts adequate precautions must be taken to prevent accidental energising of the equipment.

Useful Information
School Safety Adviser (Eddie Stephen) 2500
School Lead Laser Protection Supervisor (Dr Thevar) 2776
Security (24 hour) 01224 27 3939
University safety pages www.abdn.ac.uk/safety/
Schools safety pages www.abdn.ac.uk/engineering/about/safety.php