



Brasenose College

Health and Safety Handbook



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INTRODUCTION

This handbook contains the health and safety information you require to comply with our Health and Safety Policy. After reading it you will be required to sign to confirm that it has been brought to your attention. If you have any queries regarding the contents, please do not hesitate to ask.

Brasenose College takes its responsibility for health and safety very seriously and is committed to a programme of progressive improvement that requires input from all its employees. If you see anything during your work that gives rise to a concern you are positively encouraged to report it to your supervisor or manager.

Safety is everyone's responsibility.

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

At Brasenose College we recognise our duties under health and safety legislation and associated regulations. Our intention is to meet the requirements of this legislation. We aim to provide and maintain a safe and healthy working environment for our employees and to provide a safe and healthy environment for residents and visitors. Managers and staff are informed of their responsibilities to ensure they take all reasonable precautions, to ensure the safety, health and welfare of anyone likely to be affected by the operation of our business.

We recognise our duty to regularly assess the hazards and risks created in the course of our business.

We also recognise our duty, so far as is reasonably practicable:

- to provide adequate control of the health and safety risks so identified;
- to consult with our employee on matters affecting their health and safety
- to provide and maintain safe plant and machinery
- to ensure the safe handling and use of substances
- to provide information, instruction and training where necessary for our workforce
- to ensure that all employees are competent to do their work
- to prevent workplace accidents and cases of work related ill health
- to maintain a safe and healthy working environment
- to actively manage and supervise health and safety at work
- to ensure that we adequately communicate with, train and manage employees who may not be fluent in English
- to have access to competent advice
- to review annually and revise as necessary, this policy; and
- to provide adequate resources for its implementation

We recognise that we have a duty to co-operate with other employers and their employees, when their employees come onto our premises or sites to do work for us, to ensure the health and safety of everyone at work.

To help achieve our objectives and ensure our employees recognise their duties under health and safety legislation whilst at work, we will also inform them of their duty to take reasonable care for themselves and for other who might be affected by their activities. We achieve this by explaining their responsibilities and setting out our health and safety rules in the employee safety information which is made available to every worker employed by us.

We have allocated responsibilities and detailed arrangements to support this policy.

This Health and Safety Policy was adopted by the Governing Body of Brasenose College on 2nd December 2015

RESPONSIBILITIES AND RULES

Employee Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of all employees to co-operate in the implementation of this Health and Safety Policy within their areas of influence. All employees have a legal duty to ensure their own safety and the safety of others (for example, colleagues, visitors, contractors) under the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974.

Employees must therefore:

- take reasonable care of their own safety
- take reasonable care of the safety of others affected by their actions
- observe the safety rules
- comply with the Health and Safety Policy
- conform to all written or verbal instructions given to them to ensure their personal safety and the safety of others
- dress sensibly and safely for their particular working environment or occupation
- conduct themselves in an orderly manner in the work place and refrain from any antics or pranks
- use all safety equipment and/or protective clothing as directed
- avoid any improvisations of any form which could create an unnecessary risk to their personal safety and the safety of others
- maintain all equipment in good condition and report defects to their supervisor
- report any safety hazard or malfunction of any item of plant or equipment to their supervisor
- report all accidents to their supervisor whether an injury is sustained or not
- attend as requested any health and safety training course
- observe all laid down procedures for processes, materials and substances used
- observe the fire evacuation procedure and the position of all fire equipment and fire exit routes

Health and Safety Rules

General

- It is the duty of all employees to co-operate with management in fulfilling our legal obligations in relation to health and safety.
- Employees must not intentionally or recklessly interfere with anything provided in the interests of health, safety or welfare.
- Employees are required to notify to management of any unsafe activity, item or situation.

Working Practices

- Employees must not operate any item of plant or equipment unless they have been trained and authorised.
- Employees must make full and proper use of all equipment guarding.
- Employees must not clean any moving item of plant or equipment.
- Employees under the age of 18 years must not operate any item of plant or equipment unless they have received sufficient training or are under adequate supervision.
- Employees must not make any repairs or carry out maintenance work of any description unless authorised to do so.
- Employees must use all substances, chemicals, liquids etc, in accordance with all written instructions.
- Employees must not smoke except in prescribed areas.

Hazard / Warning Signs and Notices

- Employees must comply with all hazard/warning signs and notices displayed on the premises.

Working Conditions / Environment

- Employees must make proper use of all equipment and facilities provided to control working conditions/ environment.
- Employees must keep stairways, passageways and work areas clear and in a clean and tidy condition.
- Employees must dispose of all rubbish, scrap and waste materials within the working area, using the facilities provided.
- Employees must clear up any spillage or liquids within the work area in the prescribed manner.
- Employees must deposit all waste materials and substances at the correct disposal points and in the prescribed manner.

Protective Clothing and Equipment

- Employees must use all items of protective clothing/equipment provided as instructed.
- Employees must store and maintain protective clothing/equipment in the approved manner.
- Employees must report any damage, loss, fault or unsuitability of protective clothing/equipment to their supervisor.

Fire Precautions

- Employees must comply with all laid down emergency procedures.
- Employees must not obstruct any fire escape route, fire equipment or fire doors.
- Employees must not misuse any firefighting equipment provided.
- Employees must report any use of firefighting equipment to their supervisor.

Accidents

- Employees must seek medical treatment for work related injuries they receive by contacting a designated first aider. Upon returning from treatment they must report the incident to their supervisor.
- Employees must ensure that any accident or injury is properly recorded on an accident form.
- Employees must notify management of any incident in which damage is caused to property.

Health

- Employees must report to management any medical condition or medication which could affect the safety of themselves or others.
- Employees must co-operate with the management on the implementation of the medical and occupational health provisions.

Rules Covering Gross Misconduct

An employee will be liable to summary dismissal if they are found to have acted in any of the following ways:

- a serious or willful breach of Safety Rules
- unauthorised removal or interference with any guard or protective device
- unauthorised operation of any item of plant or equipment
- unauthorised removal of any item of first aid equipment
- willful damage to, misuse of or interference with any item provided in the interests of Health and Safety or welfare at work
- unauthorised removal or defacing of any label, sign or warning device
- horseplay or practical jokes which could cause accidents
- making false statements or in any way deliberately interfering with evidence following an accident or dangerous occurrence
- misuse of any item of equipment, utensil, fitting/ fixture, vehicle or electrical equipment
- deliberately disobeying an authorised instruction

ARRANGEMENTS FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY

Accident, Incident and Ill-Health Recording, Reporting and Investigation

An **accident** is an unplanned event that causes injury to persons, damage to property or a combination of both.

A **near miss/incident** is an unplanned event that does not cause injury or damage but could do so.

A **work-related illness** is a prescribed illness that is obtained by an employee through the course of work or from a non-employee as a result of activities carried out by the College.

Reporting

All accidents resulting in personal injury must be recorded on a College AIN report form. These are located at the College and Frewin lodge or at http://www.bnc.ox.ac.uk/downloads/AIN_Form.pdf

Work related ill-health need to be reported directly to your Manager or Supervisor.

Asbestos

The College will protect employees and other persons potentially exposed to asbestos as far as is reasonably practicable. Everyone who needs to know about the presence of asbestos will be alerted. No one will be allowed to start any work that could disturb asbestos unless the correct procedures are to be employed.

If you notice any material that causes you concern or you become aware of any damage to asbestos material, you must report it immediately to your supervisor/manager. Please be aware of any asbestos materials which are labelled as shown.



Communication and Consultation

Our College has established effective lines of communication so as to involve and consult our employees.

These may include:

- individual conversations
- notice boards
- internal publications
- staff meetings
- Health and Safety meetings

In addition, the College will display the 'Health and Safety Law – What You Should Know' poster in a prominent position.

The College will consult with our employees and provide information on any changes that may affect their health and safety, including:

- changes in procedures, equipment or ways of working
- the dangers and risks arising from their work activities, the measures taken to eliminate or reduce these risks and what action to take if they have to deal with them
- the planning of health and safety training
- the health and safety consequences of introducing new technology/equipment

The College recognises that consultation is a two-way process and expects constructive feedback from our employees.

Confined Spaces

The College will take all reasonable steps to secure the health and safety of employees and/or contractors, who are required to enter into confined spaces.

A confined space is a place which is substantially enclosed (though not always entirely), and where serious injury can occur from hazardous substances or conditions within the space or nearby (e.g. lack of oxygen).

If you are required to undertake work in a confined space then you must comply with the documented procedures, permit-to-work and training for which you have been provided. Supervisors authorised to issue permits to work in confined spaces are responsible for the correct implementation of the safety arrangements of the system.

All those involved in working in confined spaces are responsible for their own duties in relation to the Permit to Work and for ensuring that their activities do not harm the health and safety of others.

Contractors

When working on our premises it is considered that contractors are joint occupiers for that period and therefore we have both joint liabilities in "common areas". In order to meet our legal obligations with regard to contractors we will ensure that prior to engaging any contractor they are competent and that any works are carried out safely.

Similarly we have a parallel duty to the contractor and must ensure that the contractor is not put at risk by our own activities for the duration of the contract.

If you observe contractors who appear to be working unsafely then you should report this immediately to a manager / supervisor. We will investigate and where necessary stop any work until resolved.

Disabled Persons

The College will give full and proper consideration to the needs of disabled employees and visitors. To achieve this, the College will:

- ensure that risk assessments are undertaken of the special needs of the disabled and carry out reasonable adjustments to the premises and/or employment arrangements
- encourage employees with special needs to suggest any premises or task improvements to their line managers
- discipline any employees found treating their disabled colleagues with less than the expected standards of respect and dignity
- in an emergency evacuation, ensure suitable plans are in place which will assist disabled people to leave the premises swiftly

Display Screen Equipment

All reasonable steps will be taken by the College to secure the health and safety of employees who work with display screen equipment.

To achieve this objective, the College will carry out an assessment of each user's workstation and

implement necessary measures to remedy any risks found as a result of the assessment.

Eye Tests and Corrective Appliances

The College will arrange for the provision of free eye tests when requested and at regular intervals thereafter or where a visual problem is experienced, at no cost to the employee. Where employees require corrective appliances specifically for use with display screen equipment, the College will arrange for the supply of spectacles, free of charge, or up to current cost limits.

Training

Employees working with display screen equipment (DSE) should comply with the instructions and training given regarding safe workstation set-up and use, including the need for regular changes of activity or breaks and the use of the equipment provided.

Health

Employees should inform their departmental supervisor/line manager of any disability or health condition which may affect their ability to work using display screen equipment or be affected by working with DSE. In addition, they should also report to their departmental supervisor/line manager any discomfort or health concern believed to be associated with the use of DSE. Any health information will be treated confidentially.

Driving for Work

Driving is an integral part to some roles within the College and as such requires driving on College business. Driving has inherent risks associated with it which drivers should be made aware of.

The College is committed to reducing the risks its staff face or create when driving at work and requires its entire staff to play their part, whether they use a College vehicle, their own or a hire vehicle.

Drivers

Drivers will remain responsible for their safety and others and must comply with the Highway Code and Road Traffic Act.

It is the responsibility of drivers to inform their manager of:

- anything that could affect their driving e.g. health conditions or injuries, use of prescribed medication
- changes to licence such as; limitations, offences recorded, period bans
- vehicle defects that affect ability / safety to drive
- any accidents / incidents that occurred whilst driving on behalf of the College

Before driving, driver's must

- review the need to travel
- have a valid licence for the vehicle they are driving and for any overseas travel if required
- ensure valid insurance for business use
- ensure vehicle is roadworthy
- allow sufficient time to drive allowing for traffic, poor weather and rest breaks

- ensure sufficient rest
- be physically fit and have a level of alcohol below the maximum limit allowed, ideally zero and not under influence of any drugs that may affect the ability to drive
- have had an eye test in last 2 years and be using any corrective appliance
- adjust their driving position, head restraints and mirrors to ensure maximum comfort and safety

Whilst driving, driver's must

- drive in accordance with the applicable law and with consideration for the safety of passengers and other road users
- take regular rest breaks every 2-3 hours or at first signs of tiredness
- remain in control of the vehicle at all times
- not smoke in a College vehicle
- only use electronic devices e.g. mobile phone, satellite navigation, mp3 player, when set up to do so i.e. using a hands-free device

Drugs and Alcohol

Alcohol

Employees must not drink alcohol on the College's premises or the premises of its customers or clients without express permission from a senior manager or director.

Any employee who is found consuming alcohol on the College's premises without permission or is found to be intoxicated at work will normally face disciplinary action on the grounds of gross misconduct under the College's disciplinary procedure.

Drugs and medication

The possession, use or distribution of drugs for non-medical purposes on the College's premises is strictly forbidden and a gross misconduct offence.

If you are prescribed drugs by your doctor which may affect your ability to perform your work you should discuss the problem with your manager or supervisor.

If the College suspects there has been a breach of this policy or your work performance or conduct has been impaired through substance abuse, the College reserves the right to require you to undergo a medical examination to determine the cause of the problem.

Medical Examination

Existing and prospective employees may be asked to undergo a medical examination, which will seek to determine whether he/she has taken a controlled drug or has an alcohol abuse problem.

A refusal to give consent to such an examination or a refusal to undergo the screening will result in the immediate withdrawal of any offer made to prospective employees and will normally be treated as gross misconduct for employees.

If, having undergone a medical examination, it is confirmed that you have been positively tested for a controlled drug, or you admit there is a problem, the College reserves the right to suspend you from your employment (with or without pay) to allow the College to decide whether to deal with the matter

under the terms of the College's disciplinary procedure and/or to require you to undergo treatment and rehabilitation.

Reasonable Grounds

The College reserves the right to search you or any of your property held on College premises at any time if there are reasonable grounds to believe that this policy is being or has been infringed or for any other reason. If you refuse to comply with these search procedures, your refusal will normally be treated as gross misconduct.

The College reserves the right to inform the police of any suspicions it may have with regard to the use of controlled drugs by its employees on the College's premises.

Electricity

All reasonable steps will be taken to secure the health and safety of employees who use, operate or maintain electrical equipment.

Employees must:

- visually check electrical equipment for damage before use
- report any defects found to their line manager/supervisor
- not use defective electrical equipment
- not carry out any repair to any electrical item unless qualified to do so
- switch off non-essential equipment from the mains when left unattended for long periods
- not bring any electrical item onto the College premises until it has been tested and a record of such a test has been included in the appropriate record
- not leave electric cables in such a position that they will cause a tripping hazard or be subject to mechanical damage
- not carry out any live working unless authorised to do so under a permit-to-work

Fire

All reasonable steps will be taken to prevent a fire occurring. In the event of fire, the safety of life will override all other considerations, such as saving property and extinguishing the fire.

The College does not require persons to attempt to extinguish a fire but extinguishing action may be taken if it is safe to do so. Immediate evacuation of the building must take place as soon as the evacuate signal is given. All occupants, on evacuation, should report to the pre-determined assembly points.

Re-entry of the building is strictly prohibited until the fire brigade officer or a senior person present declares it is safe to do so.

Employees are encouraged to report any concerns regarding fire procedures so the organisation can investigate and take remedial action if necessary.

Fire Extinguisher Chart

Extinguisher		Type of Fire					Special Notes
Colour	Type	Solids	Flammable Liquids	Flammable Gases	Electrical Equipment	Cooking Oils & Fats	
	Water	✓ Yes	✗ No	✗ No	✗ No	✗ No	Dangerous if used on 'liquid fires' or live electricity.
	Foam	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✗ No	✗ No	✓ Yes	
	Wet Chemical	✗ No	✗ No	✗ No	✗ No	✓ Yes	Cooking Oils & Fats
	Powder	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✗ No	
	Carbon Dioxide (CO2)	✗ No	✓ Yes	✗ No	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	Safe on high and low voltages.
	Black						

First Aid

The College is committed to providing sufficient provision for first aid to deal with accidents and injuries that arise at work. To achieve this objective, the College will appoint and train a suitable number of first aid personnel to cover all work patterns.

If you are interested in becoming part a first aider or appointed person, please inform your manager/supervisor.

Should you require first aid treatment, please contact your nominated first aider/appointed person. Please ensure all accidents have been recorded accordingly.



First Aid supplies

A first aid box will be provided and should be kept stocked. If you use any of the contents please inform the persons responsible for the contents. Portable first aid kits will be available for staff members required to work away from the normal workplace, where access to facilities may be restricted.

Gas Installations and Appliances

The Gas Safe Register (GSR), formerly CORGI, is the governing body approved by the Health and Safety Executive to register and monitor the activities of gas installation and use. Gas fitting operatives carrying out work on behalf of the College will be registered with the GSR.

No person shall interfere with any gas appliance or gas fitting or pipe work unless qualified and competent to do so.

Hazardous Substances (COSHH)

All reasonable steps will be taken to ensure all exposure of employees to substances hazardous to health is prevented or at least controlled to within statutory limits.

The College will give sufficient information and training to ensure full understanding of the hazards to health posed by substances in the workplace and the importance of the control measures provided. Information will also be given to others who may be affected such as contractors, temporary staff and visitors where appropriate.

Employees should **not** use any hazardous substance unless they have received the information and training for the safe use of that substance.

The symbols showing the danger posed by the hazardous substance may be of the old European type (orange background with black symbol) or of the new international symbols which became mandatory in June 2015 (white background with red border). Substances which have already been packaged using the old labelling system may still be encountered until 1st June 2017.

Health, Safety and Welfare

The College is committed to providing suitable health, safety and welfare facilities in line with current legislation, in particular the provision of:

- adequate maintenance of workplace and equipment
- appropriate ventilation, temperature control and lighting
- suitable cleanliness and housekeeping standards
- adequate workspace allocation
- properly designed workstations
- well maintained traffic routes and floors
- appropriate fall protection
- suitable glazing
- safe access and egress (well maintained exits and entrances)
- appropriate sanitary and washing facilities
- separate toilet facilities for men and women
- plentiful drinking water supply and cups
- seating with an incorporated back rest
- accommodation for keeping clothing clean and dry
- facilities for changing, rest periods, hot drinks and meals preparation
- showering facilities if the nature of an employees work requires this
- appropriate first aid provision
- appropriate emergency, fire and evacuation equipment and procedures

The College recognises these responsibilities are required for any work whether on a remote work site, at their usual workplace or head office.

Health Surveillance

Any employee suffering ill health that they believe to be associated with work must report to their supervisor/manager immediately. Any health information will be treated confidentially.

Health records

Health records are required to and will be retained for a minimum of 40 years. Employees will be allowed reasonable access to their health records and a copy offered to individuals when they leave the College.

Home Working

Home workers are subject to the same health and safety requirements as workers based on College premises and their health and safety will be managed accordingly.

If you are a home worker, then you will be required to complete an assessment to review any requirements identified.

Staff Illness and Reporting

It is important to remember that infection can also be passed onto people from staff. Staff should notify their manager if they develop any infectious disease that may affect work or people around them, for example:

- skin infections or exposed areas of infestation
- severe respiratory infection (e.g. pneumonia, TB)
- severe diarrhoea
- jaundice
- hepatitis
- chicken pox, measles, mumps, rubella

Managers will need to discuss with the individual suitable controls. In some cases, employees may need to be referred to an Occupational Doctor or their GP for advice.

Staff should also report any illness or disease which has been contracted through work. In some circumstances if a staff member contracts a disease whilst at work, this is reportable under RIDDOR (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations). Certain diseases including Leptospirosis, Hepatitis, TB, and Tetanus are specifically required to be reported.

Confidentiality

Confidentiality will be maintained at all times in relation to an employee who is known to have any infectious disease. No health information will be disclosed without the written consent of the employee concerned and any breach of such confidentiality, either inside or outside the organisation, will be regarded as a disciplinary offence and may result in disciplinary action.

Legionnaires Disease

All reasonable steps will be taken to identify potential legionellosis hazards and to prevent or minimise the risk of exposure.

To achieve control of legionella bacteria the College will implement measures to ensure any growth of the bacteria is kept to a minimum and systems maintained.

Lifting Operations and Equipment (LOLER)

All reasonable steps will be taken to ensure lifting operations and equipment are suitably managed with regards to health and safety.

Lifting equipment includes any equipment used at work for lifting or lowering loads, including attachments used for anchoring, fixing or supporting it.

Lifting equipment must only be used if:

- there is a safe working load displayed and the load is within the limit
- it has been examined and tested prior to use and within examination scheme
- there are no obvious signs of defects or damage
- you have received information, instruction and training to do so

Any damage to lifting equipment or accessories should be reported immediately to your manager/supervisor and equipment taken out of use or signed appropriately.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and Compressed Gas

Where LPG / Compressed Gas are used, the College will ensure that provision is made for:

- adequate training and supervision
- suitable handling equipment and storage facilities with adequate ventilation
- regular maintenance and inspection

Employees using, handling or transporting LPG/Compressed Gas must follow the guidelines set out and only store cylinders in designated areas.

Lone Working

The College will ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that employees and self-employed contractors who are required to work alone or unsupervised for significant periods of time are protected from risks to their health and safety.

Employees and others will be given all necessary information, instruction, training and supervision to enable them to recognise the hazards and appreciate the risks involved with working alone.

Employees will be required to follow the safe working procedures devised including:

- when working alone, e.g. in an isolated area of a building with all doors closed, ensure that someone is aware of your presence
- check that work being done has been subject to risk assessment and check the assessment yourself – some work may have been identified as requiring the assistance of a second person
- if possible and arranged beforehand, keep in regular contact with someone else, e.g. use a mobile phone to call into the office every couple of hours indicating your movements
- do not put yourself at risk; if you do not feel safe discuss the situation with your immediate manager

Machinery Maintenance

The College will take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of all employees maintaining the machinery as well as the safety of those affected by the maintenance work. The College will liaise with the suppliers of all new machinery to establish how that machinery should be maintained safely

The College will give sufficient information, instruction and training as is necessary to ensure the health and safety of all maintenance staff and any others affected by maintenance of the machinery.

No employee must carry out any repair or operate any machinery for which they have not been trained.

Manual Handling

To prevent injuries and long term ill-health from manual handling the College will ensure that operations which involve manual handling are eliminated, so far as is reasonably practicable. Where it is not practical the College will carry out an assessment to determine what control measures are required to reduce the risk to an acceptable level. In considering the most appropriate controls, an ergonomic approach to designing the manual handling operation will optimise the health, safety and productivity associated with the task.

Information and Training

Adequate information and training will be provided to persons carrying out manual handling activities including details of the approximate weights of loads to be handled and objects with an uneven weight distribution

Health

No employee will be required to lift any item that they do not feel confident of doing without risking personal injury.

Employees who have a medical condition that may prevent them undertaking a task should notify their Manager / Supervisor beforehand. Should you become injured whilst handling anything then this must be reported to your Manager/Supervisor so it can be suitably investigated.

New and Expectant Mothers

The College recognises that the general precautions taken to protect the health and safety of the workforce as a whole may not in all cases protect new and expectant mothers and there may be occasions when, due to their condition, different and/or additional measures will be necessary.

Should you become pregnant or are returning to work after having a baby, then you are requested to notify your manager at the earliest possible opportunity so a risk assessment can be carried out.

Any necessary control measures will be implemented and reviewed regularly. Where risks cannot be eliminated or reduced to an acceptable level then consideration will be given to adjusting working conditions and/or hours or if necessary providing suitable alternative work or suspension with pay.

New or expectant mothers should inform their manager of any changes which may affect the risk assessment including any medical conditions, incidents etc.

Night Working

The College will ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that employees who work nights are not put at any additional risk. The College will identify from risk assessment any necessary controls required for night workers.

Health Assessment

Those identified as night workers will be offered a Health Assessment prior to starting working nights and annually thereafter.

The Health Assessment will consist of a Medical Questionnaire. Where this identifies any medical concerns then the College will review the ability to work nights with an occupational health provider.

Noise

The College will take all reasonable steps necessary to ensure that the risk of hearing damage to employees who work with noisy equipment or in a noisy environment is reduced to a minimum.

All employees who are subject to high levels of noise will be provided with:

- information, instruction and training about the harmful effects of noise
- information and training on what they must do in order to protect themselves and meet the requirements of the law and of the organisation's policy
- training on procedures in place and how to use equipment correctly

Employees must report promptly any defects or deficiencies to their manager/ supervisor.

Hearing Protection Zones

The College will designate and mark out hearing protection zones, which may include particular areas, operations or pieces of equipment. All personnel entering these zones will be required to wear ear protectors.

Audiometric Testing

Where employees are exposed to risk from high noise levels, the College will adopt a programme to monitor the hearing of employees subject to high levels of noise ensuring the organisation's noise control policy is effective and that employees' hearing is not being adversely affected. This will involve regular audiometric tests carried out by properly trained personnel and pre-employment audiometric tests for new employees.

Outdoor Working

The College will ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that employees who work outdoors or away from their normal base are not put at any additional risk to their health and safety.

Staff working outdoors, or away from base, are responsible for ensuring that:

- if working on a third party site, they report to a responsible person to ensure familiarisation with safety precautions relating to the particular site
- they report any problems or shortcomings to their manager or supervisor as soon as possible. If, during work, the conditions change or any aspect of the task changes in such a way to increase the risk, work should stop, unless doing so presents a greater risk
- the appropriate personal protective equipment provided is worn correctly and when required to do so. Any defects must be reported to their manager or supervisor
- they are familiar with the emergency arrangements and that these are in place prior to starting work
- all accidents and incidents are reported to their manager and in line with any local arrangements for the site

Personal Protective Equipment

The College provides personal protective equipment (PPE) when the risk presented by a work activity cannot be eliminated or adequately controlled by other means. When it is provided, it is because health and safety hazards have been identified that require the use of PPE and it is therefore necessary to use it in order to reduce risks to a minimum.

Employees provided with PPE must:

- wear the PPE as instructed or where indicated by signage
- maintain it in good condition
- report any defects to your supervisor/manager
- ensure the PPE fits correctly, is comfortable and fully adjusted

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment involves identifying the hazards present in the work place or arising out of any work activity, and evaluating the extent of the risks involved to employees and others, taking into account existing precautions and their effectiveness. The College will arrange for competent people to carry out risk assessments of all activities, substances, equipment, plant or working conditions likely to give rise to a significant risk of injury or ill health.

Employees will be advised as to the results of the risk assessment process and the additional control measures to be implemented to reduce risk to an acceptable level.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited throughout Brasenose College property. There are designated smoking areas at each site. This policy applies to all employees, students and visitors.

Training

Training in health and safety is a legal requirement and also helps create competent employees at all levels within the College to enable them make a far more effective contribution to health and safety, whether as individuals, teams or groups.

All employees will receive **induction training**.

Such training will cover:

fire procedures, warning systems, actions to be taken on receiving warning, locations of exits/escape routes, evacuation and assembly procedures, first aid/injury reporting procedures, names of first aiders/appointed persons, instruction on any prohibition areas (i.e. no smoking), issue of protective clothing/equipment and its use, instruction under COSHH, mandatory protection areas, thorough instruction applicable to their particular duties at work etc.

Training needs will be reviewed as a result of job changes, promotion, new activities or new technology, following an accident/incident and performance appraisal.

Records of training will be kept for all employees.

Vibration

Activities which may give rise to HAVS or WBV will be assessed and you will be informed of any measures necessary and given appropriate training and instruction.

Violence to Staff

The College recognises that in certain situations violent behaviour towards staff may occur and therefore will take all reasonable measures to protect staff from violence and aggression.

We define violence and aggression as:

- actual or threatened physical assaults on staff
- psychological abuse of staff
- verbal abuse which includes shouting, swearing and gestures
- threats against employees

If you are a witness or receive any violence or aggression towards you, then you should report this to your manager / supervisor so that this can be recorded and investigated. Access to counselling can also be provided where required.

Visitors

In the interest of safety and security, the College will take the necessary measures to protect staff and visitors from any accidents or incidents that may occur during visiting.

Employees hosting visitors must ensure that:

- they are authorised to enter the premises or are accompanied
- they adhere to applicable health and safety instructions and rules during their visit
- adequate information is passed to ensure their safety including emergency information
- any protective clothing required is provided and worn
- any accidents / incidents involving visitors are reported through the accident reporting arrangements

Employees aware of people on the premises who may be unauthorised should report these to their manager for action.

Emergency Action

In the event of the fire alarm sounding, all visitors should be escorted to the assembly point by their host. Visitors should not leave the area before notifying the senior person present.

Work Equipment

The College will provide a safe working environment in relation to work equipment safety and ensure all employees receive appropriate safety information and training in their work equipment.

Employees must

- only use work equipment for which they have received information and training for
- not undertake any maintenance work unless competent and authorised to do so
- not interfere with or remove anything which has been provided for safety reasons
- report defects immediately to their manager/supervisor
- use any personal protective equipment as required

Work At Height

The College will take all reasonable steps to provide a safe working environment for all employees who may be affected by work at height activities.

The need to undertake work at height will be eliminated whenever it is reasonably practicable to do so. Where not practical, then the College will ensure that all work activities that involve work at height are identified and assessed.

Young Workers

Whilst precautions taken to protect the health and safety of the workforce as a whole will, in many cases, also protect young persons, there are occasions when different and/or additional measures will be necessary due to their lack of experience, knowledge or absence of awareness of potential risks.

A 'young person' is defined as one who is below the age of 18 years.

To ensure the safety of young persons the organisation will:

- carry out risk assessments to cover the activities of young persons
- implement the actions determined by the risk assessment process
- inform the young persons of any risks associated with their work and the control measures taken to protect them
- provide additional appropriate information, instruction, supervision and training, etc. as determined by the risk assessment