

April 2016

During the second week of April auditors from SafeWork NSW will be on site to audit the UNSW Health and Safety Management System. They will be visiting the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering and School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Science during the audit period 12 - 15 April.



New Health and Safety Policy

The President and Vice Chancellor has signed a new [Health and Safety Policy Statement for UNSW](#). Read through this to be aware of the new objectives and focus for UNSW. Over the coming two weeks please remove old policies on display in your buildings and local websites and replace these with the new policy statement.

The 3-year [Health and Safety Plan \(2016-2018\)](#) has been approved; this outlines the health and safety targets. Responsibilities to meet these have been allocated to all persons across UNSW including workings, supervisors and senior management, ensure that you are aware of those relevant to you.



Global Corporate Challenge

We care about your health and happiness so we're offering you the opportunity to sign up for Global Corporate Challenge (GCC) in 2016. The challenge is a 100 day virtual journey to clock-up 10,000 steps per day, improve your nutrition and improve sleep patterns. You participate in teams of 7 people. If you are interested in getting involved see our [GCC news page](#) for more details on registration and costs.



Staff influenza clinic

The annual staff influenza clinic for 2016 will commence Tuesday 5th April. This service is provided on behalf of the VP Campus Life and Community Engagement as part of the Campus Life Health and Wellbeing strategy. The most effective way of minimising the effects of Influenza is via a comprehensive vaccination program. Influenza Clinic dates range from 5 April - 12 May 2016, 9am - 1pm. To make an appointment you will be required to register online via [UNSW Health Services](#).



Safety on campus

Reports of unattended bags should be escalated to Campus Security immediately for further assessment. The bag should not be opened, touched or moved. Security will determine the appropriate response and whether to evacuate the area and call Emergency Services.

UNSW Security provide several services on campus to keep you safe day and night. For more information see UNSW Security [Staying safe day and night webpage](#).



Varidesk discount

Varidesk (pictured) is a simple sit-stand unit that can be placed on your desk to offer a flexible option to either sit or stand at your desk. Varidesk have offered UNSW a 5% discount when purchasing Varidesks through purchase orders. For more information see our webpage on the [Varidesk](#).



PiMS user guides

There are still a number of bugs with the refreshed hazard and incident reporting system and health and safety training registration through PiMS. Please bear with us. In the meantime, if you are having trouble navigating it please refer to [PiMS User Guides](#). If you identify any bugs please log this with [UNSW IT Service Centre](#).



SafeWork NSW partnership

SafeWork NSW inspectors visited UNSW in March as part of our partnership agreement to provide assistance in the design registration for a pressure vessel. They provided much appreciated expert advice through the complex process of registering plant design. If you have any health or safety issues that may require the expert advice from SafeWork NSW inspectors please contact safety@unsw.edu.au in the first instance to determine options.



SafeWork NSW news

Safe Work Australia have announced a Good Design Awards 2016 to acknowledge those who have eliminated hazards and risk before they enter the workplace through improving design of products, structures, equipment or systems. If you have come up with a good safety design see the [Good Design Awards website](#).

In other news, the [SafeWork NSW regular newsletter](#) recently referenced UNSW's Office Safety Toolkit in their article regarding [A Safety Office in 7 Simple Steps](#).



New management standard

In October 2016 the AS/NZS 4801 Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems will be replaced by the international ISO45001 Occupational Health and Safety System Standard (ISO Standard). This will be the new benchmark to assess Work Health and Safety Management Systems for organisations. It is not legally binding but may be taken into consideration by the courts when determining safety management.



Smoke-Free campus

A reminder that UNSW is a smoke-free campus. If you encounter someone smoking on campus, including e-cigarettes, remind them of the policy and politely ask them to stop or move off-campus. See [UNSW Smoke Free Environment Policy](#).



Lessons learnt

If you are planning to run an experiment on general campus grounds and will be leaving it unattended please ensure that you notify any persons in the vicinity that may be affected by the work, label everything so that you can be easily identified and contacted and if necessary inform UNSW Security. Unattended items that look unusual or suspicious could spark a security response.

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