In an emergency

Follow any local instructions given during your induction or at the time of the emergency.

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Key contacts and further information

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Safety in research

Research students

Managing risk together

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Push boundaries, not your luck

When you're pursuing research you want to push boundaries, not be constrained by them. By understanding how to apply key health and safety principles you can still be innovative in your research without exposing yourself or others to unnecessary risks - you will also gain an important skill which is valued by employers for your future career.

Your academic supervisor
Your academic supervisor is your first point of contact for health and safety questions relating to your research, and they can also refer you to others for advice and information.

You can expect them to:

- provide or arrange supervision, training and induction
- work with you to produce risk assessments for your projects - e.g. fieldwork - and agree and write down control measures before the work begins
- ensure that risk assessments in their area are carried out, recorded, reviewed, updated as research proceeds
- ensure that significant information (and changes) in these risk assessments is shared with you and that effective control measures are implemented.

Your responsibilities
You are responsible for ensuring your own safety and that of others who may be affected by your actions (including staff, students and visitors).

Do read, understand and comply with the University's Health and Safety Policy and protocols

Do watch the student induction video at www.leeds.ac.uk/safety

Do undertake any necessary health and safety training and induction

Do follow the requirements of risk assessments and any local arrangements

Do tell your academic supervisor if you have a health condition which may be caused by or made worse by your research, or if you will need help to evacuate a building in an emergency, so measures can be taken to protect you.

Different research - different risks?

What to look out for

- Lab-based research may involve issues such as biological safety, hazardous substances, manual handling and guarding of machinery amongst others. Training and induction will be necessary to ensure your safety. If you do not receive training ask for it.

- Some research projects need specific permits, approvals or authorisation before they can proceed. Specialist advisors (e.g. Biological Safety Manager) can help with this.

- In many disciplines you will need to be aware of issues such as using computers safely, correct posture when working at desks, fire safety, manual handling and lone working.