



Issue #6

Stay Sun Safe This Summer

Summer has finally arrived! We all love to get outside and enjoy a nice sunny day, but remember to enjoy the sun in a safe way by considering the following when you're out and about:

- **Choosing suitable clothing** - Choose clothing that physically covers as much skin as possible.
- **Putting on sunscreen** - Choose clothing that physically covers as much skin as possible. SunSmart recommends choosing a sunscreen labelled SPF30 or higher that is also broad-spectrum (will filter out both types of UV radiation), and water-resistant.
- **Wearing a hat** - Broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket-style hats are effective ways of reducing sun exposure.
- **Seek shade** - Like clothing, physical shade structures such as trees and shelters prevent direct contact of UV rays with you skin - but be mindful that UV radiation can still reach you by reflection.

For those of us who perhaps have enjoyed the sun a bit too much over the years please remember that a regular skin check by your GP is a great way to ensure you remain healthy. Currently 2,000 Australians a year die from skin cancer, and two in

three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 70.

Infrastructure Safety

In August 2022, the University had a notifiable incident where the Braggs Loading Dock door fell to the ground, narrowly missing a staff member. A SafeWork SA Inspector issued the University with a WHS Improvement Notice as previous faults involving the door had been repaired by Contractors, but the root cause of the fault was not identified and recorded. The Inspector required the University to review the maintenance reporting process to ensure it adequately identifies and records the root cause of the fault.

A work process was developed through consultation between Infrastructure and HSW to address failed components of infrastructure that are not part of a maintenance schedule (non-maintainable assets) that give rise to a hazard or safety concern. This process requires an infrastructure failure report to be completed by the contractor that details the item inspected, the root cause analysis of the failure, and recommendations to prevent reoccurrence.

It is important for the University community to **report all infrastructure issues** that could injure or harm individuals in [UniSafe](#). This will enable HSW to work with Infrastructure to ensure that issues involving non-maintainable assets follow the work process.

Policy Updates

Comments may be submitted via the [draft policies page](#) before 5PM on Friday the 23rd of December.

OUT FOR CONSULTATION - Schedule of Programmable Events (Safety Calendar)

The HSW Schedule of Programmable Events (Safety Calendar) Procedure has been updated and is now available for comment. The update has taken the opportunity to simplify the planning of local safety actions arising from organisational change. Staff submissions can be made via the [draft policies page](#) by Friday 23 December.

OUT FOR CONSULTATION - Incident Reporting and Investigation

The HSW Report and Safety Issue and the HSW Incident Investigation procedures have been reviewed and combined into one procedure which is now available for comment. Various processes have been simplified arising from organisational change. Staff submissions can be made via the [draft policies page](#) by Friday 23 December.

OUT FOR CONSULTATION - Corrective Actions

The HSW Corrective Actions Procedure has been updated and is available for comment. The update reflects increased access for selected supervisors to the University safety reporting system to enter corrective actions. Other changes reflect organisational change. Staff submissions can be made via the [draft policies page](#) by Friday 23 December.

REVISED - HSW Ionising Radiation Procedure

The updated HSW Ionising Radiation Procedure was endorsed by the Chief Operating Officer as policy custodian on the 11th of November and is now available on the [HSW website](#).

The procedure required review as part of the scheduled HSW review program but as major legislative changes to the Radiation Protection and Control Act 1982 and associated regulations are anticipated in 2023, a more substantive review against those changes will need to occur.

In the interim, the following updates have occurred:

- a change in responsibilities from the Head of School to the radiation licence holders within the University;
- clarification on the storage of personal monitors;
- additional guidance provided in relation to finger badges;
- additional guidance provided in relation to restricting access to unattended radiation facilities;
- specific clarification regarding information, instruction, training and supervision; and
- a change to the University of Adelaide dose constraint (from 1mSv to 5mSv*) (*this is a maximum daily average dose as measured by a body worn dosimeter), which represents an increase from 1/20th of the legislated limit (20mSv) to ¼ of the legislated limit, still representing a safe dose constraint but removing administrative impacts of the more conservative dose constraint (so as to be in line with industry practices such as within veterinary clinics).

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