



Issue #1

Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of HSW Connect – a digital news/alert service designed to keep you up to date on important health and safety matters at the University.

Information Session - Lessons From a Serious Incident

Over a thousand members of staff have participated in a series of sessions presented by the HSW Director to hear about the implications and safety lessons for the University from a serious incident that occurred at the piggery in 2019. If you missed out on attending one of these sessions, click [HERE](#) to access the recording and accompanying slides.

One significant lesson from this incident was that it is critically important for all staff and students to report safety issues, no matter how small they might seem at the time. A simple safety report could prevent a major injury down the track. Click [HERE](#) to access UniSafe, the University's HSW reporting system and app.

University of Sydney Fined \$61k for Dumping Radioactive Waste

The University of Sydney [has been fined](#) \$61,000 for disposing of a medical PET scanner containing radioactive material in a scrap metal yard without the consent of the NSW Environmental Protection Agency and having the waste transported by an unlicensed person.

If you have anything to do with radioactive materials, it's a good idea to periodically refresh your memory of the disposal requirements as set out in Appendix F of the [Radiation Safety Management HSW Handbook Chapter](#) to prevent any mistakes when handling or disposing of radioactive material. The Radiation Safety Management page (accessible [here](#)) provides all the information and resources you need.

Below: A PET scanner in use at a hospital.



New HSW Team Members

The University welcomes four new members of staff to the HSW team:

- Rachel Wood (Wellbeing Specialist)

- Tegan Cooper-Wilson (HSW Officer)
- Andrew Enya (HSW Officer)
- Eric He (HSW Compliance Officer)

Contact the team with any HSW questions, queries or concerns at hswteam@adelaide.edu.au.

Policy Updates

NEW - Management of Controlled Substances and Controlled Plants Handbook Chapter

A new HSW Handbook Chapter titled [*Management of controlled substances and controlled plants*](#) (*Version 1.0*) was endorsed by the Policy Custodian on the 10 May and is now available on the [HSW website](#).

REVISED - Injury Management Handbook Chapter

An administrative update to the *Injury Management (work related injuries/illness) HSW Handbook Chapter (V5.0)* was endorsed by the Policy Custodian on the 30 May and is now available on the [HSW website](#).

Guidance for First Aiders at the University

The register of all staff, who are trained as first aiders by the University, is maintained by the HSW Central Team in HR. There register is located on our webpage [here](#).

The information for this register is gathered from two sources:

1. [SSO](#) – where staff who have had their first aid training paid for by the University are required

to upload their certificate details to their SSO Profile under licenses and certificates.

2. The [University Phone Directory](#) – where building and floor/office location and contact information is obtained.

It is vital that this information is up to date and first aiders should maintain the accuracy of both otherwise the first aid register will be inaccurate.

If staff were required to be first aid trained in a previous role, but are no longer required, they should delete their first aid training information from their SSO Profile. When viewing your first aid certificate details on SSO there is a delete button at the bottom of the page.

First Aiders who have moved because of OSP should update their building, floor and office location information [in the University Phone Directory](#). The online internal telephone directory is updated daily and is maintained by [Ask Adelaide](#).

**Got a safety story suggestion for HSW
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