



School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science (SPHPSS) Occupational Safety and Health Policy

Our School (SPHPSS) is committed to the safety and wellbeing of everyone involved in the activities within the school. Whether you work directly for our school, conduct research with us as a student, or whether you provide input to school activities your safety is our priority. Our school has a Safety Committee in place with representatives from across all school activities to ensure that we take occupational safety and health into account in all that we do as a school within our university (University College Dublin).

Occupational Safety and Health in University College Dublin starts from the top down and as a school within UCD we are compliant with all the safety processes as laid out by our university's safety team (SIRC). Our school safety documentation complies with the overarching university policy on health and safety management, and associated safety documentation.

We encourage open communication between all members of our school when it comes to their safety and wellbeing. Safety in the workplace is everyone's responsibility and our school's governance and management are fully committed to continually improving systems and processes to ensure full compliance with the university's safety management system. If any member of our school feels at any point that they are unsafe in the workplace, they can communicate directly with our school safety committee.

As a school we are committed to maintaining a clean and hazard free workplace and strive to identify new hazards in our workplace as they arise. All members of staff and management are required to report any new hazards immediately. New hazards will be risk assessed and appropriate action will be taken to mitigate and manage such hazards.

Our school's safety statements are reviewed each trimester (three times annually) by the school safety committee and are available for full review by all members of our school annually via an open consultation process each August.

Head of School: Prof. Catherine Blake

Chair of SPHPSS Safety Committee: Dr. Conor Buggy

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