

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING E-UPDATE



November 2019

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to announce that the new Health, Safety and Wellbeing (HSW) **Emergency Information section** for staff and students is now available on the University's ['About Us'](#) webpage. As you know, the HSW pages on the staff intranet are going to be removed and replaced with content on the University web site. These pages have been released early to replace obsolete content and, whilst the new content stands alone and is accessible via the bottom bar of every web page, the layout and design of the entire HSW web site will look and feel similar to the Emergency Information pages.

Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence in HSW

Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Health, Safety and Wellbeing is a significant opportunity to recognise the individuals or teams who have initiated positive and practical changes to Health, Safety and Wellbeing in their areas of work. Professional staff, academic staff and students can apply for this award to showcase their work over the last 12 months. Nominations open annually on 1 February. Please share this message with staff and students who have done outstanding HSW work to allow them plenty of time to prepare an application. More information will be available when nominations open.

Fireworks

November the 5th is a day in New Zealand and the UK that is typically celebrated by letting off fireworks. Due to many accidents and fires that have occurred in the past, we strongly encourage people to attend public displays instead of using them at home.

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The sale of fireworks is strictly limited to the first five days of November, and they can only be let off on private property. They are banned in public places (such as parks and beaches) across the whole of Auckland, and must not be stored or used on University property.

Further information can be found at Fireworks safety section [Auckland Council website](#).

ShakeOut Drills

Thank you to those of you who participated in the ShakeOut drill on 17 October. We thought we'd share (with their permission!) some photos from the drill carried out by the Organisational Development team.



Architecture Students -Urban Art in the City

As part of Heart in the City Urban Art Week, a number of our Architecture students and Lecturer displayed creative and interactive installations for all ages.

Students not only faced the many challenges in planning and bringing their displays to life safely, but also our Auckland weather came out to play, presenting students with environmental challenges of heavy rain and wind gusts up to 40km/hour.

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Installation of the displays was delayed by 6 hours creating more stress on our students who needed to build and modify their displays taking account of the weather, and still be ready for the evening event.

They showed great fortitude, calmness and understanding of the risks involved when environmental elements do not go to plan.

Well done to all those involved!!



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HSW Training

How to Undertake a Risk Assessment - Wednesday 20 November 9-11am.

University staff and students are often working in situations where they can be exposed to risk. This workshop will assist staff in understanding how to undertake a successful work-related risk assessment for both activities and locations.

This is our final risk assessment workshop for the year, and you can register via [career tools](#).

Safety roles for the coming year

As we approach the end of the year, it is time to start planning for 2020! We would ask that you revisit the list of staff members who are assigned/elected for safety roles i.e. Fire Wardens, H&S Representatives and First Aiders. Please consider the training requirements for staff

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members assigned, elected or volunteering for the coming year and get them registered for the training when career tools is updated for 2020.

This and previous issues of the HSW E-update are available [here](#).

If you have any queries or problems, please get in touch via hsw@auckland.ac.nz. Again, we are here to help.



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