
Policy Statement
University of Dundee recognises that there are specific health and safety risks associated with work in Resource Units which could result in injury and ill health to staff, and that measures must be implemented to reduce these risks as far as is reasonably practicable.

Arrangements
The Director of Biological Services is responsible for the health and safety of the Resource Unit staff, and the control of access by all staff, students and other authorised persons to the Resource Units to ensure their health and safety and that Home Office Regulations are complied with. S/he also has responsibility for effective communication with all Users of the Resource Units and relevant Support Services to ensure that no parties are put at risk from the activities of other Users.

Deans and External Agency Directors are responsible for co-operating with the Director of Biological Services in fulfilling his responsibilities and for the health and safety of Users under their control, in particular for any procedures carried out by Users under their control in Resource Units.

The Director of Estates and Buildings is responsible for co-operating with the Director of Biological Services to ensure that Estates and Buildings staff, Users and others are not put at risk due to their work in Resource Units.

The Head of Safety Services will ensure that people at risk are under suitable health surveillance and receive appropriate instruction information and training before they can access Resource Units. Head of Safety Services will also monitor and review control measures.

The general risks of Resource Unit management are regularly discussed at meetings between the Director of Biological Services and Head of Safety
Services. They review regularly the overarching generic risk assessment for laboratory animal allergy.

Accidents or incidents arising from the Resource Units are reported both to the Director of Biological Services and the Head of Safety Services with other parties being informed as relevant.

Periodic inspections are undertaken by Resource Unit Managers and the Director of Biological Services and reports are sent to the Head of Safety Services, The Home Office Certificate holder, and relevant Head of School as appropriate.