Lone and Out of Hours Working Policy & Procedures Awareness and Implementation Survey

Survey Email

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Date:	16/3/2011 15:39
Subject:	ACTION REQUIRED: Lone and Out of Hours Working Policy & Procedures

Dear All,

Doreen has asked me to conduct a quick survey regarding awareness and implementation of CLS Lone and Out of Hours Working policy and procedures (view online at <u>https://www.lifesci.dundee.ac.uk/services/healthandsafety/other-topics/lone_working/lone_home_.html</u>).

Could you please respond by Monday the 4th of April if (a) you were previously aware of the above and (b) if you implement them within your own group/unit/division. If the answer is 'no' to both a & b there is no need to respond.

This is purely to give an initial indication of how effectively we are communicating and implementing H&S policies and procedures.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Lisa.

Results

72 recipients19 responses16 aware of policy/procedures (22%)8 implementing (11%)

Responses

It's pretty much a no to both from me. I didn't know/had forgotten about the website and
don't get anyone to do the form (which I didn't know existed).
a) yes; b) yes for some of my group.
a double YES to (a) & (b)
No and no - I assumed that there was some policy but had not got to the point of finding out
what it was.
Yes
Yes to both.
a) yes; b) no specifically implemented in the group
yes, aware of this, although I admit to not actively enforcing it in my group over the last

year.

I was aware that the would be a policy on this and that guidelines would be written down somewhere. But because everyone works out of hours in my group, including me (nobody leaves on or before 5.30 and everyone works random hours at the weekend), and because this is so entrenched as a way of life in research labs across the world, it's not something I have felt the need to get risk assessments done for.

I was aware of that there was a Out of Hours Working policy but was not aware of the 'Lone & Out of Hours Worker's Information Sheet' and 'Lone & Out of Hours Worker's Questionnaire'. Out of hours working has been discussed in the lab with reference to precautions to take and these correspond very well to those described in the official document.

YES; Having actually read the policy again (I haven't done that recently) then it's both YES and NO here. I only allow staff to work alone/out of hours if they are deemed by me to be sufficiently trained. In practice that means that undergraduates or very junior PhD students are accompanied (that's the YES bit). However, I haven't carried out any formal risk assessments that are recorded although mainly that reflects that we don't do anything too risky anyway. I also don't think I have specifically discussed with staff about how to deal with an accident if they are here alone (that's the NO).

(a) I am aware of the out of hours policy: (b) as far as I know it is implement re individuals in my group.

Yes, I am aware of it, but I have printed it out and posted it on my noticeboard as well.

I was aware of both a and b.

(a) Yes (in general terms); (b) Not fully:- I was unaware of the Questionnaire and the need for workers to SIGN the Risk Assessment.

I was aware and my lab has filled out the forms

I am aware and I have implemented these.

Yes and yes

I was vaguely aware of the policy and procedures. And I tell my honors' students about it. The rest of my lab come in at all hours (at least that is what they are supposed to be able to do).

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