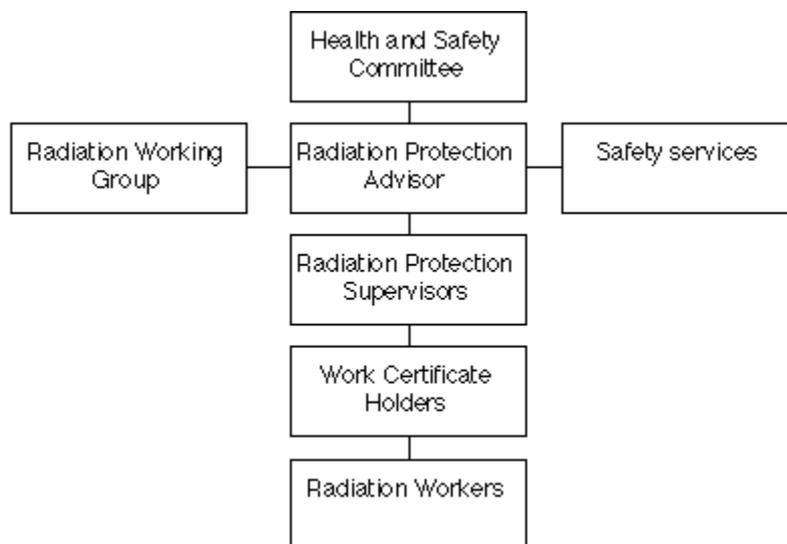




Radiation Safety Organisation and Individual Responsibilities



A detailed breakdown of responsibilities and duties at all management levels is provided in the University's Health and Safety Code of Practice. Of particular relevance to this document are the responsibilities affecting Work Certificate holders and individual radiation workers, which are dealt with below.

3.1 Work Certificate Holder

The Radiation Protection Supervisor cannot be expected to supervise all the work with ionising radiations, and here the Work Certificate holder/academic supervisor has responsibilities. It is the responsibility of the academic supervisor to register all work with ionising radiations under his control (see [Section 7.1.2.](#)). He needs to ensure that the people working under his supervision receive the necessary training and instruction, to enable them to carry out their work in a safe manner, and to supervise their work closely until they can show that they are capable of working independently and responsibly with ionising radiations. The Work Certificate holder should also ensure that work with ionising radiations is done in line with the conditions specified in the Work Certificate and all relevant local rules, and that all his group's isotope records are kept up-to-date.

3.2 Radiation Worker

The individual radiation worker, before starting work with ionising radiations, should familiarise himself with all pertinent local rules, and with the physical, chemical and biological properties of the radioactive material, or physical properties of other ionising radiations, which he proposes to use. The radiation worker has a personal responsibility to protect both himself and others from any hazard arising from his work, and he must not expose himself or others to ionising radiations to a greater extent than is reasonably necessary for the purpose of his work.

People working with radioactive materials need to be especially familiar with the rules relating to :-

- a) [Ordering of radioisotopes](#)
- b) [Storage of radioisotopes](#)
- c) [Waste Disposal Procedures](#)
- d) [Record Keeping](#)