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Dear Colleague

Specific Hazard First Aid Training - Hydrofluoric Acid/Fluorides & Cyanides

Because of the particular risks associated with work involving hydrofluoric acid and/or cyanides, and because the appropriate first aid techniques for incidents involving these substances are non-standard, the Health & Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 require that at least **one person with specific first aid training should be in close proximity whenever such work is in progress**. These courses are also open to both University and non-University personnel.

Please remember that, like all first aid certificates, this training is only valid for 3 years, so you will need to ensure that those people in your department have up-to-date certificates.

Course HF

This course for hydrofluoric acid and fluoride users will take place on Friday 10 November from 0915 until approximately 1700 hours. The examination will take place during the afternoon and will be a theoretical and practical assessment. It is strongly recommended that **anyone without a current first aid certificate should attend a preliminary session first and achieve a pass standard** - for details see the main first aid circular. Those without a basic knowledge of general first aid may struggle to reach the exam standard. Out of hours training is not sufficient.

Course CN

This course for cyanide users will take place on Wednesday 15 November from 0900 to approximately 1700 hours. The examination will take place from 1500 hours and will be a theoretical and practical session. It is strongly recommended that **anyone without a current first aid certificate should attend a preliminary session first and achieve a pass standard** - for details see the main first aid circular. Those without a basic knowledge of general first aid may struggle to reach the exam standard. Out of hours training is not sufficient. Please telephone for advice if necessary. Do not leave it until the last minutes as you may miss appropriate pre-qualifying courses.

All courses will be held at 40 Victoria Street. Applications should be submitted at least one week before the commencement of the course by Email to me at A.Willcox@Sheffield.ac.uk.

Yours sincerely

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