

COU15D030

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Issues

This report is a routine report updating Council on health and safety data relating to the University.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the following information.

Resource Implications

Not applicable - this report is for information.

Risk Implications

Not applicable - this report is for information.

Equality and Diversity

There are no equality or diversity implications.

Timing of decisions

Not applicable - this report is for information.

Further Information

Requests for further information or queries may be addressed to the Director of Safety Services p.donson@uea.ac.uk Tel: 01603 592199.

Background

Not applicable - this report is for information.

Discussion

Reporting of accident data to Council

Accident and fire safety statistics are provided to the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) for the academic calendar year (1st August to 31st July).

Accidents and Incidents

	1 st April 2015 to 31 st October 2015	2014/15	2013/14
Staff	89	152	148
Students	12	27	35
Others	8	18	32
Total	109	197	228
Reportable	5	12	13

Reportable accidents

Reportable accidents are categorized into *deaths*, *specified injuries*, *over 7-day injuries* (accidents which result in incapacity for work for more than seven consecutive days), and *dangerous occurrences* (certain incidents which have the potential for causing serious injury without actually having done so). The university is also required to report any accident to a non-employee that resulted in their being taken to hospital, the accident is related to work or a defect in the premises.

In the last report, information was given on reportable accidents up to 31st October 2014. In the period 1st November 2014 to the 31st March 2015 there have been 5 reportable accidents, which were:

One **specified injury** accident:

- an administrator fractured their arm after falling up the steps in the Square

Three **over seven day absence** accidents:

- a security officer suffered a strains to their back and shoulder while attempting to raise a traffic bollard.
- a cleaner strained their back when moving a bed.
- maintenance worker injured their back while closing a possibly stiff valve in a plantroom.

One **member of the public** was **taken to hospital** as a result of an accident at the university:

- a student cut their middle finger on broken glass while cleaning laboratory glassware.

Fire Safety

There were 7 reported Fires in the period from 1st April 2015 to the 31st October 2015.

Date	Building/Area	Cause Of Fire
15/4/15	Coleman House	Cooking (oil ignited in pan)
13/5/15	CAP	Small fire in fume cupboard during experiment
30/6/15	Outside BIO	Picnic bench caught alight due to discarded lit cigarette
24/08/15	CAP	Small fire in laboratory during experimental work
20/9/15	Suffolk Terrace	Plastic chopping board fell on hot hob and melted
16/10/15	Constable Terrace	Cooking (oil in pan ignited)
27/10/15	Britten House	Cooking (Grill caught fire)

Attachments

None.