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UNIVERSITY HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT: CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

This SIM advises on new guidance on health and safety management for universities and other higher education institutions.

1 The Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA) is the employers' association for universities and other higher education institutions in the United Kingdom. All UK Universities are members.

2 UCEA has recently published University Health and Safety Management. Code of Best Practice (ISBN 0 9532431 3 3, 2001, £7.50). The publication was prepared jointly by UCEA and the Universities Safety Association (USA). It replaces the CVCP Code of Practice for University Health and Safety Management (published in 1995 and reprinted in 1999).

3 UCEA/USA have also prepared a summary of the new Code. The Health and Safety Commission's Higher and Further Education Advisory Committee (HIFEAC) have considered the summary. HIFEAC will be writing to each institution endorsing the principles in the Code and the summary.

4 The model of health and safety management described is based on HSE's Successful Health and Safety Management (HSG65). Inspectors may find it useful to refer to the Code during reactive or planned interventions with higher education institutions.

5 Copies of the Code have been sent to heads of universities and higher education colleges, heads of personnel and health and safety advisers. Additional copies can be obtained from UCEA (Woburn House, 20 Tavistock Square London WC1H 9HU, Tel: 020 7383 2444).

6 A copy of the Code and the summary will be distributed to file 356.

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