1. THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE
ENVIRONMENT & SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The University recognises its obligation to take all reasonable precautions to provide and maintain, so far as is practicable, an environment that is safe and without risks to health for employees, students, visitors and the outside environment. The Management System provides a formal framework to identify and manage all of its environmental and safety risks. The two systems for safety (SafetyMAP) and the environment (EMS) will eventually merge into the one management system.

SafetyMAP

SafetyMAP (Safety Management Achievement Program) aims to protect people at work by promoting safer working environments. It provides a set of audit criteria, which can be used to measure current performance and identity and areas where an organization can improve, its health and safety management system. The audit process also helps to determine priorities and allocate resources to best suit the organisation’s needs.

The audit criteria within SafetyMAP enable the University to:

- measure the performance of its health and safety program
- implement a cycle of continuous improvement
- Benchmark its health and safety performance
- Gain recognition for the standards achieved by its health and safety management system

See these websites for information:

University of Melbourne Risk Management Office
http://www.unimelb.edu.au/rmo

University of Melbourne Environmental Health and Safety Manual
http://www.unimelb.edu.au/ehsm/

Faculty of Science Safe Work Procedures
http://www.workcover.vic.gov.au
To achieve these aims the Committee must communicate safety and environment issues within their department Faculty EHS committee’s must regularly report to the EAC and OHSC regarding:

- Safety and environmental issues from all departments
- Details of monitoring of SafetyMAP and EMS processes relevant to the Faculty
- OHSC and EAC
- Respond in writing to submitted reports from Faculty (or administrative department) EHS committees
- RMO
- Provides statistical reporting regarding incident statistics to department and faculty EHS committees
- Facilitates the provision of information from departments and faculties to the OHSC and EAC and from external sources.