

HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

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Change to legislation imposes a new duty on chemical ordering

From 1st October 2023, businesses supplying regulated explosives precursors to professional users such as universities have been required to take additional steps to verify the legitimacy of the user, including obtaining a form of photographic identification of the individual making the purchase (e.g., PI, Stores Manager, etc.). It is not clear at this early stage how each supplier might choose to fulfil their duty, but it is likely that you'll be required to complete a form and provide a form of photo ID (we suggest your university ID badge) when you place the order.

Further details, including a list of the chemicals affected and an example of a completed form, can be found on our [webpage](#)

Over the Christmas shut down, departments should be switching off equipment where possible and leaving the departments tidy and in a safe condition for everyone's return in the New Year.

Those who need to remain on campus should be reminded that working alone in high hazard spaces is not permitted during this time.

NEW LEV PRE-USE CHECK SIGNS ARE BEING INTRODUCED ON ALL MSCS AND FUME CUPBOARDS (MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW ON OTHER LEV SYSTEMS).



The Leadership and Management document has been updated, it is available for people to read at [Health and Safety Policy \(warwick.ac.uk\)](#). It will go to UHSEC in February for approval, Direct any comments to John Phillips by 22 January 2024.

Health and Safety Services wishes everyone a Merry (and safe) Christmas.

COMING SOON

- Chemical safety training moodle for all staff and students who purchase, store, handle and/or dispose of chemicals in the workplace.
- 'Cority' software for managing Occupational Health appointments/ data/ referrals
- LabCup phase 2 will be implemented in Engineering and physics early 2024
- First aid box guidance and procedures for replenishing and use of suppliers

