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STUDENT HEALTH, WELLBEING AND SAFETY AT VU

VU is committed to providing and maintaining (as far as practicable) a safe working environment. This ensures you are not exposed to any situations that could be detrimental to their health and wellbeing. This obligation extends to staff, students, contractors, their employees and visitors. It ensures:

- a) their own health and safety within the workplace and
- b) the health and safety of others is not adversely affected

Learning and teaching takes place in a variety of settings. Therefore it is important for students to know that VU has a responsibility to ensure that you are provided with information, instructions, training and supervision in order to study in a safe and secure manner.

There are a broad range of activities you may be involved in while you are a student at VU that could present a risk to your health and safety, some of these may include:

- Laboratory learning and teaching due to the presence of hazardous chemicals and/or the need to use particular types of instruments, equipment or machines.
- Simulated workplace laboratories.
- Field trips and other off-campus activities such as clinicals, practicums, industry placements, community service and overseas student exchange programs that place students in unfamiliar situations where you may also be exposed to increased levels of risk.
- Emergencies that may involve evacuating the building you are in.

What can you do to keep safe?

1. Be informed – VU has its own [Occupational Health and Safety Charter](#) and a range of associated policies and procedures to reduce the likelihood of our students and staff being put at risk. These can be accessed through the [University's Policy Register](#).
2. Be involved – Each semester there will be evacuation exercises to practice what to do, be prepared to join in and learn.
3. Be prepared – It is important for you to identify with your teacher/lecturer/instructor any potential hazards and risks that exist and to follow the safety instructions given.

This will help all of us maintain the safe and caring delivery of learning and teaching across the broad range of VU on-campus and off-campus environments.

Please click on this links if you would like to know about the [WorkSafe Victoria](#) and [Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004](#).