

SAFE USE OF ARTIFICIAL OPTICAL RADIATION (AOR) POLICY

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1. INTRODUCTION

Optical radiation is another term for light, covering ultraviolet (UV) radiation, visible light and infrared radiation. Any man-

Artificial Optical Radiation (AOR): Includes light emitted from all artificial sources, i.e. light in all its forms such as ultraviolet, infrared and laser beams, but excluding sunlight. This Policy concentrates on the potentially hazardous forms of AOR.

5. DUTIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

In accordance with the University's Health and Safety Policy, day to day managerial responsibility for health and safety has been delegated to each College and Professional Service. It is the responsibility of these to implement this Policy and associated guidance, as applicable to their activities.

6. COLLEGE / PROFESSIONAL SERVICE RESPONSIBILITIES

Each College and Professional Service is required to identify hazardous sources of artificial optical radiation. Only if hazardous substances are identified are they required to introduce the following management arrangements to reduce the risk of harm to the eyes and skin from hazardous light sources within their areas of control²:

- a. Assess the risk to operators and others from hazardous sources (paying particular attention to pre-existing medical conditions of the eye which may increase a person's vulnerability of risk).
- b. Put in place appropriate controls

