

**Academies - Reasons for belonging to CLEAPSS****Health and Safety at work - Employers' statutory responsibilities**

CLEAPSS membership enables employers to discharge their responsibilities under the *Health and Safety at Work Act* and subsequent Regulations. These require employers to protect their employees by, for example, providing safe working conditions, information, training for health and safety, and (model) risk assessments for activities (required under a range of regulations, including COSHH).

CLEAPSS advice and documentation is recognised by the Health and Safety Executive and the Department for Education.

In the absence of CLEAPSS membership the employer, be it the governors or trustees, must consider how to fulfil aspects of the Health and Safety at Work Act and its subsequent regulations. CLEAPSS membership provides a one stop shop approach to satisfying the school's responsibilities in relation to the teaching of science, design & technology and art and design.

**CLEAPSS is about so much more than health and safety**

CLEAPSS provides support and advice to teachers, technicians, head teachers and governors/trustees on how best to use high quality practical work to support pupils learning in science, design & technology and, most recently, art & design.

CLEAPSS resources give teachers ideas for exciting and engaging practical activities that fire pupils' imaginations and then, unlike many other sources of ideas, go on to show teachers and technicians in detail how to translate the ideas into safe and exciting experiences in the classroom.

CLEAPSS advice and guidance also supports schools in securing positive judgments around the safeguarding aspect of school inspections.

**Membership benefits****For secondary schools – science, design & technology, art and design**

- **CLEAPSS telephone and email helpline:**- Access throughout the year (not just term time) to a team of dedicated subject experts for up-to-the-minute advice and support.
- **Termly newsletter** for all secondary schools which provides a range of information on practical work in science and technology and on current health and safety issues.
- **CLEAPSS web site** ([www.cleapss.org.uk](http://www.cleapss.org.uk)) which makes advice and guidance for science, D&T and art & design, available to all relevant staff on demand, subject to annually-changed log-in details. CLEAPSS is committed to regular review and updating of these resources so that they always offer members the most relevant advice.
- **Hazcards and Recipe sheets:**- hard copies available for a small charge - which school science departments find invaluable,
- **Model Risk Assessments for Technology:**- valued by D&T department staff.
- **CPD courses:**- Access to an extensive range of practical science and health and safety training courses at discounted rates.
- **Radiation protection legislation:** A school which has CLEAPSS membership can also subscribe to the CLEAPSS Radiation Protection Adviser (RPA) through a local participating local authority. This is a very cost effective way for employers to meet their responsibilities under the Ionising Radiation Regulations (1999).

**For primary schools - science and technology**

- **CLEAPSS telephone and email helpline:-** Access throughout the year (not just term time)
- **Termly newsletter** for primary science and technology which contains a range of information and advice on practical science and technology as well as on current health and safety issues.
- **Primary guides** on practical science and technology. Free copies, on request.
- **CLEAPSS web site**, ([www.cleapss.org.uk](http://www.cleapss.org.uk)) which includes the new section *Primary section* holding all of our primary documents for downloading and also include a search facility to save school staff time.
- **CPD courses:-** Access to CLEAPSS primary science course at discounted rates.

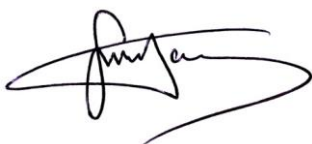
**Examples of CLEAPSS CPD courses**

For teachers	For technicians
Supporting safe & successful practical Biology II Safe and successful GCSE Biology Safe and successful A level Biology Supporting safe practical microbiology Managing Health and safety in microbiology lessons. Safe and successful investigative microbiology Safe practice in gene technology lessons (half day) Managing health and safety in Biology lessons (half day) Safe and effective classroom chemistry Reduced and micro-scale Chemistry An introduction to reduced & micro-scale Chemistry. <i>Keep it safe!</i> Health and Safety in practical science for new teachers Health and Safety management for Heads of Science Health & Safety for the Science Department Assessing and Managing risk in Secondary DT Auditing Health and safety in Design and technology Health & Safety in primary science	An introduction to preparing solutions & apparatus safely for technicians An introduction to supporting Physics teaching for technicians Supporting safe & successful practical Biology I Safe and successful GCSE Biology Supporting safe practical microbiology Safe practice in gene technology lessons Safely with chemicals for technicians Supporting safe and successful classroom Chemistry Supporting safe and successful A level Chemistry Supporting safe and successful classroom Physics Radiation Protection Supervisor Training Full Day Don't buy it, make it! Microscope Maintenance Electrical Inspection & Testing (PAT Testing) Safety inspections of autoclaves, pressure cookers and model steam engines Fume Cupboard testing (half day) Working with glass Prep room management and H&S for senior technicians Health & Safety for science technicians

**Excellent value for money**

CLEAPSS membership might cost a typical secondary school £350.00 per year – In the absence of CLEAPSS support what could you buy with this money? – A ½ day of support staff time to photocopy a set of Hazcards and/or recipe sheets (which you have ‘borrowed’ from a local school); the cost for technical/legal advice in the event of an accident might easily run into several thousands of pounds and could cost tens of thousands; the services of a Radiation Protection Adviser typically costs £800 a day.....

If you would like to discuss CLEAPSS membership further please do not hesitate to contact me



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