

## Teacher Risk Assessments – Training Options

In the UK, an employer has a legal duty to provide all its employees with suitable health and safety training. There is no set format for this. In schools, staff will arrive with varying levels of experience, therefore, CLEAPSS has a range of training materials and courses to support schools with this duty. Below is a list describing the ways you can engage with our teacher risk assessment materials, resources and training.

### Basic Introduction to risk assessment and/or basic refresher

[Introduction to CLEAPSS' support for managing safety in practical science – video](#)

An introductory video to some CLEAPSS resources for managing safety in practical science. This video highlights some of the key ideas on planning safe, high-quality practical work, the core basics of writing lesson risk assessments and the principal documents available to support this process.

*This is a good starter or refresher of CLEAPSS resources and the very basics of the teacher risk assessment process (viewing time 15mins). The document below should also be referred to after watching the video.*

[Examples of teacher risk assessments](#)

This is a collection of what a teacher's lesson risk assessment could look like. It must be stressed these are examples, and not templates. Teachers and heads of department will need to decide for themselves where they will record the risk assessments for their lessons.

*This gives a number of examples of what your teacher risk assessments could look like, and should be used alongside other training for example the video (Average reading time of 5mins)*

### CLEAPSS online health & safety course

We have developed a new self-study course for teachers, which covers the basics of health & safety and how to manage practical work and risk assessments in lessons.

This is a FREE course, all you need to do is complete this [registration form](#).

The course is made up of a series of videos and some tasks. There is an option to download / print off the PowerPoint slides used in the videos to enable users to make notes during the course

*(This is expected to take about 3hrs to complete in full)*

### CLEAPSS face to face health & safety courses

CLEAPSS runs a number of one-day health and safety courses which focus on writing risk assessments and managing safety within the lab, these are normally run in central locations around the UK.

For up-to-date details on when and where these courses are scheduled click on the links given below.

[H&S in practical Science for early career teachers](#)

[Health & safety management for heads of Science](#)

[Auditing Science departments and H&S Management for Heads of Department](#)

In addition, we run a one-day in-house course which is aimed at a whole science team including subject leaders, teachers and technicians to update their awareness of H&S legislation.

[Health & safety for the Science department](#)

## Written Guidance

### [PS090 - Making and recording risk assessments in school science](#)

Advice on preparing risk assessments in science. Includes examples of good practice in recording risk assessments.

*This is aimed at teachers, offering definitive guidance on writing lesson risk assessments. (Average reading time 10mins)*

### [L196 - Managing Risk Assessment in Science](#)

Explains in detail what is required of a risk assessment and how to ensure information in employer's model risk assessments are incorporated into teachers' and technicians' practice in a science department.

*This is aimed at heads of science, giving details about how to best manage the risk assessment process across a science department. (Average reading time 1hr)*

## Still Unsure....

Remember you can use the *Helpline* to discuss our courses and how best to manage risk assessments as part of your teaching or across your department. You can phone or email the CLEAPSS *Helpline* :-

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