



Health and Safety at the Workplace

The Office for Safety, Security, and Environment is your point of contact at UZH for all occupational health and safety matters which must be coordinated centrally.

The Office provides the UZH community with advice, training, and support on:

- **Occupational health and safety:** In order to prevent accidents and occupational illnesses at the workplace, it conducts systematic audits, examines individual working environments, and advises on the purchase of personal protective equipment. Where occupational medicine is concerned, it examines issues such as protections for expectant mothers, vaccinations, and ergonomics.
- **Biological and chemical safety:** To guarantee the levels of safety required by law and to comply with UZH's own safety standards and requirements, the Office supports unit heads with the drafting and implementation of safety strategies. The action that must be taken to ensure biological and chemical safety is organized in cooperation with biological and chemical safety officers.
- **Fire safety:** To ensure occupational fire safety, the Office provides courses on different types of fire extinguisher, joins forces with unit heads and facility management teams to ensure that buildings are used in compliance with fire regulations, and approves events and courses in cooperation with the fire authorities.
- **Emergency procedures:** The Office produces “What to do in an emergency” boards for all properties and determines requirements for first-aid cupboards and treatment rooms. It works with facility management teams and unit heads to draft and update the additional documentation which is required to deal swiftly with an incident.
- **Safety and security of the individual:** The Office is in charge of security for both buildings and individuals in the interests of maintaining safety, security, and order at the University of Zurich. It defines the UZH access security strategy, as well as the regulations governing closed-circuit TV surveillance and support. Where necessary, it has an on-site presence at events and courses and ensures the necessary level of safety and security for attendees.
- **Hazardous waste management:** To protect both people and the environment, the Office lays down guidelines on the treatment and disposal of waste at UZH. It ensures that hazardous waste is dealt with properly, at a collection point or by organizing collections.
- **Protection against radiation:** The Office liaises with the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) with regard to authorized work with ionizing radiation. It also provides advice and support on all matters relating to radiation (including lasers, UV, non-ionizing radiation, etc.).
- **Transportation and dispatch of hazardous goods:** The Office provides the risk prevention officer required by the Dangerous Goods Risk Prevention Officer Ordinance (RPODGO), and also offers advice and support with the transportation and dispatch of hazardous goods such as chemicals, radioactive materials, and biological samples.
- **Environmental protection:** The Office works alongside the various safety and security officers to organize the measures required to comply with environmental protection legislation (Environmental Protection Act, Major Accidents Ordinance, Air Pollution Control Ordinance, water protection legislation, etc.).
- **Transportation:** The Office ensures compliance with parking regulations at UZH, and issues fines and charge notices in the case of infringements.

On behalf of the Executive Board of the University, the Office for Safety, Security, and Environment is in charge of health and threat management at UZH:

- **University health management:** The Office ensures that UZH has a modern occupational health management organization by conducting periodic health-related reviews and by optimizing existing operating structures and processes, as well as by exchanging information and best practices with its occupational health management partners. It looks after the www.health.uzh.ch health portal, and organizes healthy living campaigns such as flu vaccinations, bike-to-work events, and ergonomic awareness days.
- **Threat management:** With the support of the Threat Management Working Group, the Office coordinates structural, technical, and organizational precautions, such as training for the UZH community, to ensure that the University is as well prepared as possible for threat situations and able to deal with them quickly.

Get involved!

As a manager, safety or security officer, or occupational health and safety officer, you can not only look after your own health, but also ensure that your colleagues are looked after.

Would you like to become part of the UZH safety and security organization?

Join the in-house medical service or fire department and play your part in keeping the UZH community safe and secure.

- **In-house fire department:** The University at Irchel has had its own 20 to 22-strong fire department since 1987.
- **In-house medical service:** The service has more than 150 members, who receive basic and further training from the Office every year.

App to the rescue!

- **SafeZone emergency app:** This app tells you about the health and safety facilities at each University of Zurich site. It provides emergency information, including links to the responsible units and alerts to members of the University when their safety is at risk.
www.su.uzh.ch/en/notfallapp

Essential numbers – staffed around the clock:

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| – Service Center | 54141 |
| – Fire department | 118 |
| – Police | 117 |
| – Ambulance | 144 |