



## UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN SAFETY, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT POLICY OF INTENT

### *Preamble*

The University of Cape Town is dedicated to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all its staff, students, visitors and contractors on all campuses, by putting measures in place to mitigate all the identified risks in teaching and research environments.

The University of Cape Town (UCT) subscribes to safety, health and environment management standards based on internationally recognized Occupational Health and Safety standards. The University will, as is reasonably practical, strive to comply with all requirements of the Occupational Health & Safety Act, no.85 of 1993 and other legislation applicable to this environment. Where South African legislation is not applicable, international legislation might be considered. The established safety, health & environment (SHE) structures at the University are committed to promoting and communicating best safety, health & environment practices in all its teaching and research environments. It will identify, eliminate or control any unsafe act or condition by making everybody aware of their individual responsibility in practicing safety, health and environment principles to minimize risks.

The management of the University of Cape Town commits itself to measure its safety health and environment practices annually against set objectives, to rectify and control any deviations identified in a set period and will continually strive for improvement.

### *Objectives:-*

- Keep UCT stakeholders informed of all legislation affecting the University environment;
- Assess identified risks on a regular basis
- Formulate policies and procedures for the management of identified risks
- Put documented controls and procedures in place to facilitate auditing processes
- Minimize the risk of injury or disease by providing appropriate training and the necessary resources
- Make sure that emergency procedures are in place to manage any potential emergency situation
- Empower service providers to eliminate transferred risks to University premises and stakeholders.
- Make sure that SHE laws are considered and included in any new research or building projects.