

General considerations

The University of Barcelona has a complex structure, both in terms of the activities it performs and the diversity of its users.

In order to comply with its legal obligations with respect to occupational risk prevention, the UB must have in place a specific organizational structure, as defined in the Occupational Risk Prevention Plan (a mandatory requirement for all companies, as stipulated in Article 16 of Law 31/1995 on Occupational Risk Prevention) approved by the Governing Council on 7 June 2011.

The organizational structure must be focused on meeting the UB's general risk prevention objectives, which are outlined in the Plan and require the commitment of all UB staff and users. The objectives are as follows:

- to oversee measures to improve quality of life of staff, most importantly through the prevention of any type of accident or incident;
- to comply with all applicable regulations on occupational risk prevention;
- to reduce the incidence of accidents and minimize their financial repercussions on staff, on the institution, and on society in general;
- to foster the implementation of risk prevention in teaching and research activities, so that students assimilate the importance of the concept and pass it on to society in general; and
- to oversee the consistent application of quality standards in the implementation of teaching and research activities, to guarantee the health and safety of the UB student community.

Objective


To define and formally record the functions and responsibilities of the Governing Council in the area of risk prevention, within the UB's specific organizational structure for occupational risk prevention.

Functions and responsibilities in the area of occupational risk prevention

In accordance with Article 63.h of the UB Statute, it is the responsibility of the Governing Council to draw up and disseminate the UB's occupational risk prevention and environmental protection policies.

The Governing Council must approve the occupational risk prevention policy and Plan, and inform the Board of Trustees so that this body can allocate the resources needed to implement the Plan and meet the objectives and principles of the policy.

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Other applicable documentation

- Law 31/1995, of 8 November, on Occupational Risk Prevention.
- Declaration of the Policy on Occupational Risk Prevention at the UB, ratified by the Governing Board on 13 July 2000.
- The University of Barcelona Occupational Risk Prevention Plan, approved by the Governing Council on 7 June 2011.
- The agreement of the Universities Council, dated 7 November 2011, establishing directives for the adaptation of legislation on occupation risk prevention to the university sector and for the promotion and adoption of a culture of risk prevention across the university community.
- Technical prescriptions IT/ZUB/SEG/018 on the organization of occupational risk prevention at the UB.

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