



OHS&W Information

Detailed information about [Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare](#) is available using this link.

The University of South Australia Fieldwork Health and Safety Procedure does not apply to work experience programs carried out on facilities that are not owned or managed by the University. However the above stated procedure does include the following relevant information.

- The OHS&W Act (1986) imposes obligations to ensure that third parties (students, visitors, volunteers etc.) are ensured of, and responsible for, health and safety. Sections of the Act emphasise and restate the common law duty of care and impose various fines. A breach of the duty of care may also give rise to a civil action claiming damages for negligence.
- The legal framework as it relates to occupational health and safety is important to consider when organising field activities and further information is available from the OHSW Services.
- Employees, students and volunteers involved in field activities shall be consulted in relation to the activity and provided with information on particular hazardous work activities or conditions.
- Planning shall be carried out with consideration for the foreseeable hazards involving participant exposure. Field activity planning shall be completed using OHSW Procedure - Hazard Management and appropriate controls developed to minimise risk to participants.
- University By-Law 7.1 allows for the removal of a student who is disrupting a class, and may be applied during any University field activity. Schools must make it clear to students that this option is available to the field supervisor, particularly where there is a disruption which affects the health and safety of the student and others.

For complete details on the above policy - see '[Fieldwork Health and Safety Procedures](#)'.

Further advice regarding OHS&W field activities may be sought from OHS&W Services on 8302 1635.