

Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 63/2019

From: Secretary for Education

To: Heads of all secondary schools

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Results of the Survey on Laboratory Accidents in Secondary Schools in 2017/2018 School Year

(Note: This circular memorandum should be read by all secondary school heads, teachers of the Science Education Key Learning Area and laboratory technicians.)

Summary

The purpose of this circular memorandum is to inform schools of the findings of the Survey on Laboratory Accidents in Secondary Schools in the 2017/2018 school year.

Details

2. As one of the ways to monitor the standard of safety in secondary school science laboratories, surveys of laboratory accidents occurring at schools were conducted since the 1995/1996 school year. The survey for the 2017/2018 school year has been completed and the findings are summarised in the report at https://cd1.edb.hkedcity.net/cd/science/laboratory/safety/Report_of_the_Survey_on_Laboratory_Accidents_2017-18_e.pdf. The report provides information on the categories and causes of common laboratory accidents in secondary schools. It also suggests measures by which schools can take to minimise laboratory accidents. Heads of schools are requested to bring the contents of the report to the attention of their science teachers and laboratory technicians.

3. A seminar will be conducted on 22 May 2019 to discuss the findings of the captioned survey and ways to promote laboratory safety. For details of the seminar, please browse the Training Calendar of Education Bureau (Course ID: CDI020191029).

Enquiry

4. For enquiries, please contact the Science Education Section at 3698 3453.

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