

Diamond User Code 5: Lasers and UV



Hazards

Damage to eyes – arc eye, blindness

Damage to skin – burns, increased risk of cancer
Ignition source – fire risk

All depend on the power of the source

Risks

The experimental risk assessment must identify the use of laser or UV sources and employ suitable control measures for the risks, specific to the experiment.

Controls

Display warning signs

Enclose sources of laser or UV radiation

Ensure that interlocks are visually in good working order

Make sure beam stops are correctly positioned

Prevent access to persons who are not involved with the experiment

Last resort, use PPE to protect against exposure – gloves, correctly

rated goggles and coveralls

Contact

If you have any questions regarding the safe use of lasers or UV sources contact the SHE group. Diamondshe@diamond.ac.uk.

