

Work Environment Group

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Safety Awareness

Safety is a top priority at ANU for students, faculty and staff.

Importance of laser safety goggles



Incident description:

A student was hit in eye with a deflected laser beam while performing alignment. It was a class 4 pulsed laser of 515nm.

No-one was injured in the incident however it does highlight that staff and students must be vigilant when performing alignment.

Retinal scan of the affected student after the injury confirms there was no damage to the eye. However, the incident has uncovered areas for improvement.

Areas for Improvement:

- Laser safety goggles MUST be worn while working or performing alignment on laser.
- Laser users MUST complete their local area induction and tier 3 training.
- Please consider the requisite of different laser safety goggles for alignment purpose.