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Vice-Chancellor

Regulation regarding children's visits to sites of work or studies

The Swedish Work Environment Act (AML) regulates conditions at workplaces and educational premises. In general, it states that "Work shall be planned and arranged in such a way that it can be carried out in healthy and safe surroundings" and "The employer shall take all the precautions necessary to prevent the employee from being exposed to health hazards or accident risks". In this context it is also important to take into consideration liability for damages that may arise in cases where a non-employee is affected by an accident resulting in personal injury at the university.

It is the responsibility of the head of department to ensure that work can be carried out in a satisfactory manner, both as regards security risks and disruption to activities, as well as deciding which rules shall apply at individual sites for work or study.

It is hereby decided that the following shall apply on the matter of children's visits to sites of work or study.

Regulation:

Only short visits of an orderly type, with the aim of showing the child the relevant site of work or study, are permitted.

Exceptions to this may, in special cases, be granted by the head of department/equivalent and only for visits to office-type premises and under the complete supervision of a parent or other adult.

A decision on this matter has been taken by the undersigned pro-vice-chancellor in the presence of the head of administration, university director Peter Honeth after presentation by professional hygienist Åsa Gustafson. Environmental manager Kerstin Gustafsson and buildings manager Lars Lavesson have also participated in processing the proposal.

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