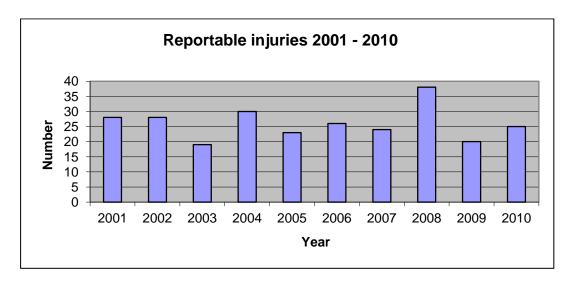
## **Accident Statistics 2010**

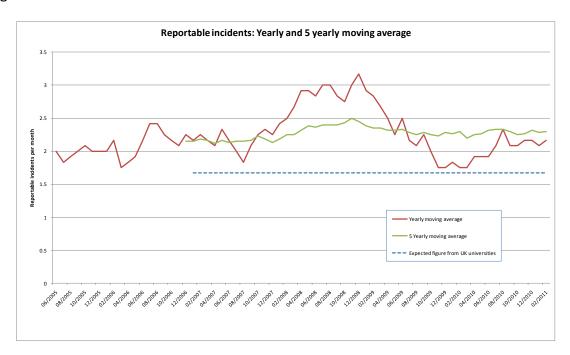
There were 25 injuries reportable to HSE in 2010 (These are injuries resulting in staff losing more than 3 days' work or students going to hospital; they are not affected by underreporting in the way that total injury reports are). This compares with an average of 26.3 for the preceding 10 years.

Figure 1



In addition there was one reportable dangerous occurrence (contractors blocking ventilation for a gas boiler), making 26 reportable incidents. A chart showing reportable incidents with a yearly and 5 year moving average is regularly updated on our website and the position at the end of 2010 is given below. (Note - numbers are relatively small and therefore subject to fluctuation.)

Figure 2



In this chart, the expected number of accidents based on the figures for other universities has been updated. If we had the same incidence rates as other UK universities we would expect to get approximately 18 reportable accidents per year. However, we now know that having a veterinary school makes a difference, because all UK veterinary schools have a higher accident incidence rate, arising from the nature of the work undertaken. As a result of this the expected number of reportable incidents per year should be raised by approx 2, to 20. On this basis we still have about 30% more incidents than the expected number, both last year and over the last few years on average, so we still need to increase our efforts in safety management and accident prevention.

The majority of reportable incidents arise from professional services rather than academic activities:

Figure 3

Department	Reportable incidents 2010			
Facilities management and contractors	12			
Residences	6			
Libraries	1			
Orthoptics*(see below)	3			
Veterinary Science	3			
Bioscience	1			
TOTAL	26			

\*Three Orthoptics students were injured by a falling ceiling last February. This therefore was a building issue rather than anything under the control of Orthoptics. Thus 15 reportables in 2010 were buildings/services related, including 6 reportable injuries to maintenance staff and 4 to cleaners. The FM accidents group continues to look closely at all accidents to see what can be done to reduce the chances of recurrence. Only 4 reportable incidents were related to the activities of academic departments. Veterinary Science had 3 of these, not much greater in 2010 than the "expected" number based on all UK veterinary schools of 2.3.

The main cause of reportable incidents in 2010 as in previous years was falls, especially slips, with two at Leahurst arising from exceptional December weather. Manual handling, which a few years ago typically led to 6 or more reportable injuries per year, caused only 2 reportable injuries in 2010.

Figure 4

Cause	Reportable incidents 2010				
Fall on level - slip	9				
Fall on level - trip	1				
Fall on stairs	2				
Fall from height	1				
Struck by object	5				
Animals	2				
Manual handling	2				
Spill/release of chemical	1				
Cut/puncture	1				
Other injury (glass fragment in eye)	1				
Incident – gas boiler ventilation	1				
TOTAL	26				

Figures for all injury reports are given in the table below. (Sports injuries in the normal course of play are excluded from this and subsequent figures.)

Figure 5

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Reportable										
injuries	28	28	19	30	23	26	24	38	20	25
All injury										
reports	318	307	216	293	243	231	275	305	311	289
Non injury										
reports	111	134	104	102	121	171	166	184	179	158

The following table shows the breakdown of accidents amongst staff, students and others.

Figure 6

ACCIDENTS INVOLVING INJURY	Staff	Students	Others	TOTALS
Fatalities	0	0	0	0
Specified major injuries	5	0	0	5
Non-employee: hospital treatment for reportable injuries	ı	6	0	6
Other injuries involving more than 3 days lost time	14	-	-	14
Total RIDDOR reportable injuries	19	6	0	25
Reportable dangerous occurrences				1
Total incidents reportable to HSE				26
Other accidents involving injury	170	76	18	264
Total accidents involving injury	189	82	18	289
Numbers of persons at risk	4716	19333	-	24049
RIDDOR reportable injuries per 1000 at risk	4	0.3	-	-
Total injuries per 1000 at risk	40	4.2	-	-

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