



Information for Visitors to ISIS

We are looking forward to welcoming you to ISIS. ISIS is a working laboratory, and we have carried out a risk assessment for visits around ISIS; the key findings of that risk assessment are summarised below but a full copy of the risk assessment can be obtained from the person organising the visit.

- Please stay with your guides at all times and follow any instructions given.
- Tours of the ISIS synchrotron, linear accelerator, experimental areas and support laboratories require visitors to pass through designated Controlled Radiation Areas. The tour routes are planned so that, as far as possible, they avoid areas where radiation levels are significantly higher than local background levels. Further information can be supplied.
- Children under the age of 16 are permitted to visit ISIS but require a specific risk assessment to be undertaken by ISIS for each visit. This risk assessment takes into account the fact that there may be hazards in the ISIS experimental areas which are unfamiliar to young people from their previous experience in school science laboratories. The significant findings of the risk assessment are communicated to the child's parent or guardian.
- Pregnant women are permitted to visit ISIS. The dose rates in areas included on a standard tour of the ISIS experimental areas using the walkways are such that there is no reason to exclude pregnant visitors on the grounds of potential radiation exposure.
- There are also a number of magnetic fields present around ISIS. Most magnetic fields are contained within the equipment itself but where that magnetic field strays into accessible areas, the extent of the stray field is marked on the floor or other surface. People fitted with pacemakers are permitted to visit ISIS but we ask that you inform us if you have a pacemaker so that we can avoid these areas.
- The tour of ISIS includes a lot of walking, including stairs so your choice of footwear should be appropriate.
- Please let us know in advance if you are a wheelchair user or have mobility problems and we will tailor the visit to meet your requirements.