

EUSLDC1 (SQA Unit Code - FA8G 04)

Ensure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety



Overview

This unit is also within the EU Skills National Occupational Standards suites for Sewerage Maintenance and Water Fittings Regulations/Water Byelaws

This unit is designed to demonstrate competence in following the health and safety duties required in the workplace within the scope of the relevant Health and Safety legislation and organisational requirements. This unit covers not only your own workplace but that of your customers.

The unit requires you to have an appreciation of perceived risks in the workplace and know how to respond appropriately.

This unit describes the competences required to ensure that your own actions do not create any health and safety risks; that you do not ignore perceived risks in your workplace and that you respond appropriately, including reporting situations which pose a danger to people in the workplace and seeking advice.

You will need to show that you understand the health and safety requirements and policies in the workplace and that you check your own working practices and work area for any risk and can respond appropriately.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

Identify the hazards and risks in the workplace

- P1 correctly name and locate the persons responsible for health and safety in the workplace
- P2 identify which organisational policies are relevant to working practices
- P3 identify those working practices in your work activities which could harm yourself or other persons
- P4 identify those potential hazards and risks in the workplace and respond to them in accordance with approved procedures and practices
- P5 identify the appropriate procedures for reporting to the persons responsible for health and safety in the workplace potential hazards and risks

You must be able to:

Reduce the risks to health and safety in the workplace

- P6 follow the most recent organisational policies for your work activities
- P7 carry out work activities in accordance with approved procedures and practices
- P8 respond appropriately to hazards and risks
- P9 ensure your conduct and personal presentation in the workplace does not endanger the health and safety of yourself or other persons in accordance with approved procedures and practices
- P10 follow the organisational policies and suppliers' or manufacturers' instructions for the safe use of equipment, materials and products

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

Identify the hazards and risks in the workplace

- K1 agreed working policies relating to controlling hazards and risks to health and safety
- K2 responsibilities for health and safety in their work activities
- K3 the responsible persons to report health and safety matters to
- K4 legal duties for health and safety in the workplace as required by the relevant legislation
- K5 what hazards and risks may exist in the workplace
- K6 the particular health and safety hazards and risks which may be present in their own work activities and the precautions they must take
- K7 the importance of being aware of changing circumstances in the working environment which may introduce potential hazards and risks
- K8 the importance of dealing with or promptly reporting hazards and risks
- K9 the requirements and guidance on the precautions

You need to know and understand:

Reduce the risks to health and safety in the workplace

- K10 the specific organisational policies covering their work activities
- K11 the suppliers' and manufacturers' instructions for the safe use of equipment, materials and products
- K12 safe working practices for their own work activities
- K13 the importance of personal presentation in maintaining health and safety in the workplace
- K14 the importance of personal conduct in maintaining the health and safety of themselves and others
- K15 their responsibility for responding to hazards and risks in accordance with approved procedures and practices
- K16 how to make suggestions for reducing risks to health and safety within their work activities to the responsible persons
- K17 how to report any differences between organisational policies and suppliers' or manufacturers' instructions as appropriate

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Additional Information

Glossary

Approved procedures and practices

Regulatory, Health, Safety and Environment, relevant company procedures, emergency

Hazard

Something with potential to cause harm

Hazards and risks

The use and maintenance of machinery or equipment, the use of materials or substances, working practices which may not conform to laid down policies, unsafe behaviour, accidental breakages and spillages, environmental factors

Organisational policies

The use of safe working methods and equipment, the safe use of hazardous substances, smoking, eating, drinking, drugs, what to do in the event of an emergency, personal presentation

Personal presentation

This includes: personal hygiene; use of personal protection equipment; clothing and accessories suitable to the particular workplace

Risk

The likelihood of a hazard's potential being realised

Workplace

The single or multiple areas in which you carry out your work and where your work may impact upon others

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