

Overview

This standard covers how to install site furniture. This includes, for example, signboards, waymarkers, benches and bins. It also includes more unusual items such as sculptures. Many of these will be prefabricated and your role is therefore to accurately site and install the structure.

This standard is for those responsible for the installation of site furniture.

If you are working with chemicals or machinery you need to be appropriately trained or certificated in line with current legislation.

You must carry out your work in a way which will minimise any impact on the natural environment and enhance its nature, conservation and recreational value.

This does not include sports and play equipment as these are covered by the Skills Active National Occupational Standards.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements and company policies
- P2 assess the site prior to operation to identify any restrictions on the planned work
- P3 select, prepare and use equipment and machinery which meets the agreed specifications
- P4 select materials which meet agreed specifications
- P5 prepare the site and carry out work in a manner which prevents damage to the surrounding area
- P6 select the most appropriate place to site the item in line with specifications and site conditions
- P7 install the item in line with specifications
- P8 ensure that other site users are not put at risk by your work
- P9 where problems arise in meeting the specifications take the appropriate action without delay
- P10 ensure that the item is safe, secure and fit for purpose before leaving the site
- P11 use appropriate methods to reduce the impact of erosion on areas around the item
- P12 handle and transport material and equipment in accordance with regulations
- P13 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with instructions
- P14 restore the site to an appropriate condition following completion of the work

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 your responsibilities under current environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies
- K2 the importance of examining the site prior to commencing work with regards to hazards, assessment of risk and potential restrictions
- K3 the restrictions affecting the work e.g. presence of listed structures, wildlife, non-native invasive or protected species etc.
- K4 how to recognise the environmental value of sites
- K5 how to select, prepare and use equipment and machinery relevant to the agreed specifications
- K6 how to select materials relevant to the agreed specifications
- K7 suitable methods for preparing the site
- K8 how to interpret and use relevant specifications
- K9 the factors which determine where an item should be sited
- K10 the purpose of the item
- K11 the context within which the item is to be set, and how this relates to the specifications
- K12 methods for installing different items of site furniture
- K13 problems which may occur during operations and how these should be dealt with
- K14 the potential impact of your work on the surrounding area and how to minimise this
- K15 the importance of restoring the site to a clean and tidy condition
- K16 how to handle, transport and dispose of waste in accordance with legal and organisational requirements

Glossary

Specifications: drawings, schedules, method statements, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), manufacturers' guidelines.

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