

Overview

This standard covers how to maintain and repair 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 carry out maintenance and repair.

This standard is for those responsible for the maintenance and repair 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 meet 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 maintain or repair the item to specifications
- P7 carry out work tidily and safely with due regard to users of the site
- P8 where problems arise in meeting the specifications take the appropriate action without delay
- P9 inform your line manager of any potential improvements to the work specifications which you identify
- P10 ensure the structure 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
- P15 complete records as appropriate

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 methods for maintaining and repairing different items of site furniture
- K10 problems that may occur during operations and how these should be dealt with
- K11 why site furniture must be maintained and repaired and the potential problems if not carried out
- K12 why it is important to keep working areas clean and tidy during operations and to restore the site following completion of the work
- K13 how to handle, transport and dispose of waste in accordance with legal and organisational requirements
- K14 the records which need to be completed

Glossary

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

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