

SfS 16 (SQA Unit Code - H4H7 04)

Assess and address risk to the environment



Overview

This standard addresses the responsibilities of everyone at work for minimising risks to the environment as a result of work activities. It describes the competences required to make sure that:

1. your own actions do not increase risk to the environment
2. you do not ignore significant risks to the environment and
3. you take sensible action to put things right, including reporting risks, and seeking advice

This unit includes the following activities:

4. Identify the risks to the environment arising as a result of workplace activities
5. Minimise risks to the environment arising as a result of workplace activities

Target Group

This is relevant to all jobs in the security sector and is appropriate to people working at all levels and in all posts.

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Performance criteria

Identify the risks to the environment arising as a result of workplace activities

You must be able to:

- P1 identify the people in the workplace to whom you should report environmental matters
- P2 make sure you are up-to-date on environmentally-friendly working practices which are relevant to your workplace
- P3 identify any current working practices in your job role which could cause harm to the environment
- P4 identify any materials, products or equipment used in any part of your job role which could cause harm to the environment
- P5 report any differences between legal regulations and workplace instructions and the actual use of materials or products hazardous to the environment
- P6 promptly report to the people responsible for environmental matters the hazards which present high risks

Minimise risks to the environment arising as a result of workplace activities

you must be able to:

- P7 follow the relevant legal requirements and workplace environmental instructions for your job role
- P8 within your capability and the scope of your job responsibilities, control the environmental hazards
- P9 promptly report risks to the environment that you are unable to deal with
- P10 pass on any suggestions for limiting risks to the environment to the responsible person
- P11 follow suppliers', manufacturers' and workplace instructions for the safe use and storage of materials, products and equipment
- P12 follow the correct instructions for handling materials and products which can be hazardous to the environment
- P13 follow the correct instructions for disposing of materials and products which can be hazardous to the environment

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Knowledge and understanding

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You need to know and understand:

- K1 the legislation relating to environmental matters which affect your workplace
- K2 your responsibilities for the environment as defined by any specific legislation covering your job role
- K3 the particular risks to the environment which may be present in your workplace and/or in your own job role
- K4 how to use resources and materials effectively and efficiently
- K5 the importance of remaining alert to the presence of hazards to the environment in the whole work place
- K6 the importance of dealing with, or promptly reporting, risks to the environment
- K7 the substances and processes categorised as hazardous to the environment
- K8 workplace instructions, precautions and procedures relating to the control of risks to the environment
- K9 the responsibilities for items (materials/equipment) which can be hazardous to the environment detailed in your job description
- K10 the responsible people to whom to report environmental matters
- K11 the specific workplace environmental instructions covering your job role
- K12 suppliers', manufacturers' and workplace instructions for the use of equipment, materials and products which can be hazardous to the environment
- K13 working practices for your own job role
- K14 correct handling instructions for materials which can be hazardous to the environment
- K15 your responsibility for controlling hazards to the environment
- K16 workplace instructions for handling hazards to the environment which you are unable to deal with

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