

NOS PSSPO10 Work safely and securely in ports

Unit PSSPO109.6 Work safely in confined spaces (SQA Unit Code-H775 04)

Performance Criteria

You must be able to

Work safely in confined spaces

1. consider the risks associated with working within the confined space before entering, taking note of all relevant hazard warnings and monitor equipment referring any concerns to the relevant person
2. address identified risks, implementing relevant precautionary actions before entering the confined space, including confirming that any appropriate ventilation equipment is operating properly
3. obtain the relevant permit to work from an authorised person before entering the confined space
4. confirm that any required gas detectors are operating properly and are suited to the atmosphere suspected to be present
5. undertake all appropriate checks, including checking the air quality and the availability of safe access
6. wear suitable personal protective equipment, including where appropriate, masks suited for the purpose and in date
7. inform a relevant colleague immediately before work is about to commence, informing them that the work in the confined space is to start
8. maintain frequent contact with relevant colleagues, including a colleague outside the confined space
9. inform the relevant people once the task has been completed
10. ensure work areas are left clean, tidy and free of obstructions

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand

1. the legal responsibilities for maintaining own and others' health and safety in the workplace
2. the requirements placed upon the individual and the organisation by current legislation and industry guidance, relevant to own area of operations
3. own organisation's policies and procedures and working practices relevant to own area of operations
4. specific role responsibilities of colleagues for health, safety and security
5. the principal types of hazard and risk likely to be found in own area of operations and the precautions appropriate for minimizing these risks
6. how to wear, use and maintain **personal protective equipment**, relevant to own area of operations
7. how to locate, use and maintain the principle types of safety and incident response equipment relevant to own area of operations
8. accident and emergency procedures of the organisation and individual roles and responsibilities, relevant to own area of operations
9. location of and how to operate alarm systems

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10. procedures for contacting the emergency services
11. location of the approved escape routes and assembly points
12. own responsibilities for reporting accidents and emergencies
13. the limits of own responsibilities and of other when addressing health, safety and security in the port
14. the location of all designated confined spaces in own area of operations
15. own organisation's 'Permit to Work' procedures

Scope

1. **The principle types of hazard and risks should relate to:** normal operations, dangerous cargo, working near water, lone working, heights (including when carrying or handling objects), confined spaces (including those associated with oxygen deficiency, contaminants, noise, sources of energy, temperature, falls, trips and slips, engulfment, entrapment and static discharge) and security
2. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** includes but is not limited to high visibility vests, hard hats, protective clothing, eye/hearing/respiratory protection, gloves
3. **Safety equipment:** includes but is not limited to: cages, chains, cut-off switches, isolators, signs, PPE, walkways
4. **Legal, safety and operating requirements** includes but is not limited to: safety regulations, operating procedures, codes of practice, guidance load restrictions, working time directive, port regulations