

# EUSWO34 - SQA Unit Code F8X6 04

## Workplace hazard awareness & control



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### Overview

This national occupational standard is about making sure that you maintain a safe working environment and recognise potential hazards and risks and take preventative action before they can cause harm and injury to self and others. It is also about making sure that you follow the systems and procedures that are put in place for the safety and protection of self and colleagues.

### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

#### **Identify, evaluate and minimise hazards to your health and safety**

- P1 wear, use and comply with the PPE requirements detailed in the risk assessment for the task to be undertaken
- P2 visually check PPE for defects making sure that it is fit-for-purpose and safe to use
- P3 carry out pre-inspect the work area, and access to it, to establish and evaluate potential hazards to personal safety before commencement of work activities
- P4 when using plant and equipment and conducting manual handling operations make sure that steps, slopes and the general work area meet the necessary standards and conditions required to complete the task safely
- P5 visually check tools, equipment, plant, machinery for defects that present a risk to health & safety to self and others
- P6 work safely when carrying out tasks in accordance with the organisations work practices and procedures and legal requirements
- P7 evaluate the risks and consider the likely outcomes of your actions before you start work
- P8 only start work if you are satisfied it can be done without risk of injury to yourself or others

*You must be able to:*

#### **Communicate data and information**

- P9 report concerns and defects with PPE to line manager before use
- P10 report health and safety concerns and potential risks or others reasons before carrying out duties and commencing work

*You must be able to:*

#### **Resolve problems that can cause personal harm and injury to self and others**

- P11 deal with problems and risks within the limits of own job role responsibility
- P12 report problems and risks outside limits of your own responsibility to resolve to designated persons

### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

#### **General**

- K1 the classifications and types of waste
- K2 the potential hazards associated with different wastes
- K3 how to identify work-related hazards and risks
- K4 details of operational procedures and documentation
- K5 how to deal constructively with colleagues and other people and resolve disagreements
- K6 how to use personal protective equipment (PPE) in line with operational procedures
- K7 operational procedures and why it is important to comply with them
- K8 the limits of the job responsibility when communicating with others

*You need to know and understand:*

#### **Identify, evaluate and minimise hazards to your health and safety**

- K9 what is meant by “health and safety” in the workplace and why it is important to you
- K10 what is the meaning of the term “hazard”
- K11 what is the meaning of the term “harm”
- K12 what is the meaning of the term “risk”
- K13 what is the meaning of the term “risk assessment”
- K14 what is the meaning of the term “dynamic risk assessment”
- K15 the harm that a range of health and safety hazards can cause
- K16 what the meanings of different types of safety signs are and explain the hazards they indicate
- K17 how the conditions in a workplace can cause hazard
- K18 the types of personal protective equipment available and the hazards against which they provide protection
- K19 what is meant by “safe system of work or method statement”?
- K20 why is personal hygiene important
- K21 why first aid provision is needed
- K22 the responsibilities for health & safety:
- K23 what are the health and safety responsibilities of a manager/employer?
- K24 what are your personal responsibilities for health and safety as an employee?
- K25 why is it important to report accidents, ill health and other incident

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#### **Additional information**

#### **Behaviours**

You work in a manner which:

1. recognises and acts when others need support
2. takes responsibility for resolving problems in your work area

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