

EUSWO14 - SQA Unit Code - H2J7 04

Support safety around waste collection vehicles



Overview

This national occupational standard defines the competence required to maintain the safety of vehicle movements in the workplace, facility or client premises. It is about ensuring the daily operations around the collection vehicle are kept safe. It means taking responsibility for ensuring any situations which compromise safety are reported and steps are taken to keep both people and the working environment safe.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

Support safe operations of the waste collection vehicle

- P1 select and use the designated PPE before starting operations in accordance with the operational requirements
- P2 check and test the vehicle safety systems on a daily basis before starting work
- P3 help to rectify faults which are caused by malfunctioning systems, obscured safety features and illegible notices and signs
- P4 check that safety and amenity equipment carried on the vehicle is in place and suitable for use
- P5 replenish missing health, safety or welfare consumables and PPE needed for the proper operation of the vehicle and safety of the crew
- P6 clean and reset dirty or obscured safety signs, mirrors, observational devices or operating information notices on the vehicle

You must be able to:

Keep people safe from waste collection vehicle movements

- P7 give clear hand signals to assist the driver when the vehicle is being manoeuvred
- P8 minimise inconvenience to other road users by checking and confirming their whereabouts when the waste collection vehicle is manoeuvring on a public highway
- P9 take steps to ensure pedestrians and other road users are at a safe distance from the vehicle when it is manoeuvring or when its mechanisms are operating
- P10 be responsible for the security of the vehicle when on operations in the absence of the driver

You must be able to:

Use and communicate data and information

- P11 use the work documents provided to ensure any information needed for the work is not missed

You must be able to:

Resolve problems which arise from maintaining the safety of vehicle movements

- P12 inform the driver immediately if a fault is found in the vehicle safety systems
- P13 reset any emergency stops on the vehicle when it is safe to do so
- P14 report to the designated person - on a daily basis - situations encountered on operational duty which are uncontrolled or inappropriately controlled
- P15 report situations where personnel or vehicle safety is compromised in accordance with operational procedures
- P16 report defective equipment promptly to the driver or designated person in

the driver's absence

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:

Vehicle and people safety

- K9 the purpose and normal operation of vehicle safety systems
- K10 the importance of vehicle and safety checks
- K11 how to recognise faults in lighting systems, warning systems, notices and signs
- K12 how to clean obscured screens, lights, and notices
- K13 hand signals to use in order to communicate with the driver
- K14 manoeuvring capabilities of the vehicle in forward and reverse
- K15 the driver's field of vision from the driving seat
- K16 the rights of way on the road
- K17 methods of signalling to other road users
- K18 the dangers which could arise from manoeuvring a vehicle
- K19 how to ensure the vehicle is locked and keys removed to prevent unauthorized access to it
- K20 how to immobilise vehicles and loading equipment safely to prevent unauthorised people interfering with the vehicle
- K21 how to access and operate health safety and welfare equipment carried on the vehicle
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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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