

# EUSWS02 - SQA Unit Code H2KN 04

## Provide health and safety in the working environment for waste management activities



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### Overview

This national occupational standard defines the competence required to comply with general health and safety in the waste management Industry. It includes supervising the health and safety of others; dealing with and reporting hazards and unsafe working practices.

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#### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

#### **Ensure the personal hygiene of others is maintained**

- P1 ensure that all staff maintain their personal standards of hygiene in accordance with organisational requirements
- P2 ensure that all staff use their designated personal protective equipment (PPE) in accordance with operational procedures and legislation
- P3 ensure that all staff use approved safe working and hygiene methods and techniques when carrying out work activities
- P4 check work areas are kept clean and tidy and contribute to maintaining them in a suitable condition

*You must be able to:*

#### **Ensure all staff comply with safety procedures at the work site**

- P5 ensure that all staff follow safe working procedures and practices in accordance with organisational requirements
- P6 ensure that all staff carry out work routines in accordance with organisational procedures
- P7 check risk assessments are in place for all aspects of work, prior to instructing staff to commence operations, and ensure that the requirements are complied with
- P8 ensure that all pedestrians keep to specified walkways in the work place
- P9 give warnings to people who might be at risk from hazardous conditions
- P10 ensure that all staff comply with the organisation's requirements for lone working situations

*You must be able to:*

#### **Use and communicate data and information in line with operational procedures**

- P11 report unsafe materials, plant and equipment
- P12 report unsafe locations to the designated person
- P13 report unsafe operating conditions in the work environment
- P14 report hazards which have the potential to be risks
- P15 report emergencies promptly

*You must be able to:*

#### **Resolve problems which could affect health and safety**

- P16 deal with unsafe behaviour in accordance with responsibilities of the job role and workplace procedures
- P17 take steps to deal with conditions that are hazardous to people
- P18 report problems within own area of responsibility in accordance with operational procedures
- P19 refer – to the designated person - health and safety issues that fall outside the responsibility of the job role

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#### 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:*

##### **Health and safety**

- K9 the differences between a hazard and a risk
- K10 the organisational requirements for personal hygiene
- K11 the importance of good housekeeping
- K12 the importance of identifying hazards and how to minimise them
- K13 the importance of warning others about risks and ways to do it
- K14 the different types of plant equipment and potential risks from it
- K15 hazard warning signs and their purposes
- K16 the legal requirements for risk assessments in the work place.
- K17 the organisational requirements for reporting risks, hazards and dangerous incidents.

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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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