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Control unwanted vegetation



Overview

This standard is about controlling unwanted vegetation using appropriate methods. You could be working to a given specification that may define methods to be used but you will be expected to determine how to carry out these methods on site

The vegetation includes competing, notifiable, hazardous and excessive growth. You are required to minimise and/or avoid damage to the surrounding trees, other plant and animal species and to any structures such as fences, paths and signs

Control methods may be manual, motor-manual or chemical. “Mechanised” equipment can include brushwood cutter, chainsaw, clearing saw, strimmer etc. Chemicals and machinery must only be used if you have the appropriate certification

This standard is for those controlling unwanted vegetation either following a specification or by determining the best method to use

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 assess the risks associated with the site and the proposed works
- P2 select and implement appropriate working method in accordance with the assessed risks
- P3 identify vegetation which requires control
- P4 control unwanted vegetation in line with best practice and/or specification
- P5 follow organisational and industry environmental good practice and minimise environmental damage
- P6 maintain records as appropriate
- P7 remove all waste and surplus materials and dispose of them as specified
- P8 restore the site to a clean and tidy condition
- P9 maintain the health and safety of yourself and others at all times in accordance with current legislation

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 how to identify hazards and assess risks
- K2 how to identify **unwanted vegetation** and the best method of control
- K3 how to assess risks and the **control measures** to be implemented
- K4 how to select appropriate method and equipment for vegetation control
- K5 the basic implications of terrain, ground conditions, vegetation, season and weather
- K6 the impact of using chemicals on the environment and how to minimise environmental damage
- K7 the use of mulching/mulch mats to aid the control of unwanted vegetation
- K8 the potential impacts of your work on the environment and how these can be minimised
- K9 the types of damage acceptable under various circumstances
- K10 the correct methods of disposing of surplus materials and/or waste
- K11 your responsibilities under current environmental, health and safety legislation and codes of practice

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**Scope/range
related to
knowledge and
understanding**

Control the following kinds of **unwanted vegetation**:

- 1 woody
- 2 herbaceous
- 3 grass
- 4 competing
- 5 hazardous
- 6 notifiable
- 7 excessive

Use the following **control measures**:

- 1 chemical
- 2 mechanical
- 3 manual

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