
Overview

This standard covers the skills and knowledge required to prepare to upholster items of modern furniture. This involves:

1. preparing, cutting and applying upholstery materials
2. trimming and finishing items of furniture
3. maintaining your own and others' safety while working

Items upholstered could include the following;

1. domestic furniture such as an armchair (to include wings), or a settee
2. contract furniture such as a long seating unit, a curved/angled seating unit, stool or chair
3. office furniture such as a chair, reception seating, stool or executive swivel chair

This standard is aimed at people working in the upholstery industry.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. comply with health, safety and environmental requirements, relevant statutory regulations and industry standards/codes of practice at all times
2. check that you have the required work specification and that everything you need to achieve it is available
3. protect the item from damage
4. position and align material following standard operating procedures
5. cut materials to specification following standard operating procedures
6. secure covers tensioning it to the required level to specification following standard operating procedures
7. check the visual appearance, fixing and tensioning of the cover conforms to the specification following standard operating procedures
8. secure bottom cloths to conform to visual and safety requirements following standard operating procedures
9. position trimmings and finishings following standard operating procedures
10. fix trimmings and finishings to specification
11. check the required quality outcome has been achieved before reporting work as complete
12. place completed items in designated location and position for safe storage following standard operating procedures
13. complete the process within the required time following standard operating procedures
14. identify problems and deal with them according to standard operating procedures
15. record information in the appropriate information systems

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the relevant health, safety and environmental requirements, relevant statutory regulations and industry standards/codes of practice that have to be complied with
2. handling characteristics of different types of materials used as upholstery covers and bottom cloths
3. the meaning of terms used in technical specifications for upholstery
4. steps and actions needed to position and fit covers to different types of item
5. how to measure and cut upholstery cover materials to ensure an accurate fit within an economic level of wastage
6. different methods to secure upholstery covers
7. the importance and use of bottom cloths in upholstery
8. functions of different types of tools and equipment used in upholstery
9. how to handle sharp and powered tools safely in ways that protect yourself and others from risk
10. why it is important to keep to time schedules
11. steps and actions needed to position and fit trimmings and finishings to different items
12. why it is important to check and confirm that the required quality outcome has been achieved before reporting the item as finished
13. how to dispose of waste in accordance with current legislation
14. type of problems that can occur and the standard operating procedures for dealing with them
15. information systems that should be used and why it is important to record information

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