Control health and safety risks

Overview

This standard covers the skills and knowledge required to control health and safety risks.

It covers

1. managing control of health and safety risks effectively, co-ordinating outcomes, prioritising risks and reviewing effectiveness;
2. making sure that significant hazards have been identified and risks have been assessed; and
3. making sure that appropriate risk control measures meet health and safety statutory requirements and industry best practice and have been implemented effectively

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. prioritise areas in the workplace where hazards with a potential for serious harm to health and safety are most likely to occur following standard operating procedures
2. identify hazards in those areas following industry best practice
3. select and use suitable techniques to analyse risks to health and safety following industry best practice
4. decide tolerability and/or acceptability of risks using appropriate instruments and survey techniques to determine potential exposure of employees and other people who may be affected
5. produce and maintain appropriate records of risks following industry best practice
6. identify and evaluate risk control measures and current systems of work in your organisation following industry best practice
7. evaluate risk assessments, co-ordinate outcomes and prioritise implementation following industry best practice
8. identify and recommend implementation of risk control measures required by health and safety local and national standards and guidelines relevant to your organisation and industry best practice
9. involve relevant stakeholders in consultations and inform them of results following industry best practice
10. identify resources required and cost-effectiveness of risk control measures needed following industry best practice
11. assist in implementation of risk control measures following industry best practice
12. check processes for proactively monitoring risk control measures are in place following industry best practice
13. keep appropriate records of risk control measures and inform stakeholders of significant findings following industry best practice
14. give recommendation for periods for review of risk control measures following industry best practice
15. review effectiveness of measures following industry best practice

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. health and safety hazards
2. risk assessment techniques
3. instruments and survey techniques used to determine exposure of people who may be affected
4. analysis techniques suitable for determining risks
5. methods for reviewing effectiveness
6. health and safety statutory requirements
7. tolerability/acceptability of risk
8. quality management requirements for documentation
9. risk control measures, including safe systems of work
10. external factors influencing health and safety risk control methods
11. risk control hierarchies
12. risk control measures required by relevant health and safety legislation and industry best practice

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