

S250: Meet and welcome visitors

Overview: Meet and welcome visitors ensuring visitors' needs are met while presenting a positive image of the organisation.

Links: Communications; Customer Service

Specific skills:

- Communicating
- Decision-making
- Interpersonal skills
- Listening
- Personal presentation
- Problem-solving

Performance Indicators

1. Meet and greet visitors promptly, treating them politely and making them feel welcome
2. Identify visitors and the reason for their visit
3. Use the organisation's systems to receive and record visitors, as appropriate
4. Make sure visitors' needs are met
5. Explain to visitors reasons for any delay in dealing with them, and keep them informed of developments
6. Present a positive image of yourself and your organisation
7. Follow organisational, health, safety and security procedures
8. Inform relevant people about visitors' arrival promptly
9. Deal with any problems that may occur, or refer these to an appropriate colleague

Knowledge & Understanding

- A. The purpose of dealing with visitors promptly and making them feel welcome
- B. The organisational procedures for receiving and dealing with visitors, including security
- C. The typical range of visitors to the premises and their needs
- D. The purpose of presenting a positive image of self and the organisation
- E. How to respond to any individual needs the visitor may have (for example, accessibility)
- F. The purpose of health and safety and security procedures and own responsibilities for health, safety and security
- G. Organisation structures and communication channels within the organisation
- H. The purpose and value of communication with visitors
- I. How to deal with challenging behaviour from visitors calmly and in line with organisational procedures
- J. The types of problems that may occur with visitors – including conflict and aggression – and how to deal with these