
Overview

This NOS addresses the responsibilities of everyone at work for minimising risks to the environment as a result of work activities. It describes the competences required to make sure that

- your own actions do not increase risk to the environment
- you do not ignore significant risks to the environment and
- you take sensible action to put things right, including reporting risks, and seeking advice

This NOS covers the following activities:

1. Identify the risks to the environment arising as a result of workplace activities
2. Minimise risks to the environment arising as a result of workplace activities

Who this NOS is for:

This NOS is for everyone at work (whether paid, unpaid, full or part-time). It is about maintaining good practice in day to day work activities by identifying the risks, minimising the risks and using resources responsibly

**Performance
criteria**
Identify the risks to the environment arising as a result of workplace activities

- You must be able to:
- P1 identify the people in the workplace to whom you should report environmental matters
 - P2 make sure you are up-to-date on environmentally-friendly working practices which are relevant to your workplace
 - P3 identify any current working practices in your job role which could cause harm to the environment
 - P4 identify any materials, products or equipment used in any part of your job role which could cause harm to the environment
 - P5 report any differences between legal regulations and workplace instructions and the actual use of materials or products hazardous to the environment
 - P6 promptly report to the people responsible for environmental matters the hazards which present high risks

Minimise risks to the environment arising as a result of workplace activities

- You must be able to:
- P7 follow the relevant legal requirements and workplace environmental instructions for your job role
 - P8 within your capability and the scope of your job responsibilities, control the environmental hazards
 - P9 promptly report risks to the environment that you are unable to deal with
 - P10 pass on any suggestions for limiting risks to the environment to the responsible person
 - P11 follow suppliers', manufacturers' and workplace instructions for the safe use and storage of materials, products and equipment
 - P12 follow the correct instructions for handling materials and products which can be hazardous to the environment
 - P13 follow the correct instructions for disposing of materials and products which can be hazardous to the environment

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the legislation relating to environmental matters which affect your workplace
- K2 your responsibilities for the environment as defined by any specific legislation covering your job role
- K3 the particular risks to the environment which may be present in your workplace and/or in your own job role
- K4 how to use resources and materials effectively and efficiently
- K5 the importance of remaining alert to the presence of hazards to the environment in the whole work place
- K6 the importance of dealing with, or promptly reporting, risks to the environment
- K7 the substances and processes categorised as hazardous to the environment
- K8 workplace instructions, precautions and procedures relating to the control of risks to the environment
- K9 the responsibilities for items (materials/equipment) which can be hazardous to the environment detailed in your job description
- K10 the responsible people to whom to report environmental matters
- K11 the specific workplace environmental instructions covering your job role
- K12 suppliers', manufacturers' and workplace instructions for the use of equipment, materials and products which can be hazardous to the environment
- K13 working practices for your own job role
- K14 correct handling instructions for materials which can be hazardous to the environment
- K15 your responsibility for controlling hazards to the environment
- K16 workplace instructions for handling hazards to the environment which you are unable to deal with

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