
Overview

This standard is designed to demonstrate competence in contributing to the protection of the environment. This includes taking steps to minimise harm to the environment and completing tasks and activities in a way which causes as little damage or disturbance as possible. This standard is for those who work where there is a potential to harm the environment

Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
1. ensure a risk assessment is in place prior to commencing work and that the potential impact on the environment is known and understood
 2. operate, maintain and store equipment and materials so as to minimise environmental damage
 3. seek to ensure minimal damage to the environment when carrying out all work activities
 4. ensure work is carried out in accordance with approved procedures and practices
 5. recognise any potential or actual environmental damage and take action in line with organisational and legislative requirements
 6. Communicate environmental protection measures to visitors to site to ensure that they comply with organisational requirements for the prevention of incidents

Knowledge and understanding

- You need to know and understand:*
- 1 ways in which environmental damage can be prevented or minimised in the work area
 2. the consequences of pollution
 3. how to recognise wastage of energy, equipment, and materials
 4. working methods that will minimise pollution and waste of resources
 5. types of damage which may occur, the impact these can have on the environment, and the corrective actions to be taken
 6. methods of waste and resource management which will minimise the risk to the environment

Scope/range

Equipment and materials
Recyclable materials, static and mobile plant

Environmental damage
Pollution, physical disturbance

Approved procedures and practices
Health, safety and environmental related to the individual and others, organisational, regulatory, statutory, relevant company policies, risk assessment

Appropriate action
Corrective action within the scope of responsibility, report to another person

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