

Overview

This standard defines the competence required to carry out inspections on vehicles, including plant and tracked vehicles, used in the waste management industry. It involves assessing job related damage and wear and tear and whether it falls within acceptable limits. It requires an ability to maintain records and report the results of inspections as required by the organisation and, in particular, damage which could affect safety or effective operation.

The inspections cover vehicles and associated ancillary equipment and tools. This standard is for those whose responsibility it is to inspect vehicles and associated equipment on waste management facilities

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

Carry out inspections on vehicles, and associated equipment

1. select and use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) prior to commencing an inspection in accordance with the organisational procedures
2. ensure that risk assessment controls covering the vehicle inspection are met
3. carry out the vehicle inspection in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations and the organisation's inspection schedule
4. check the vehicle in accordance with organisational requirements
5. inspect the wheels for security and damage
6. check for damage, missing items or insecure body work or fittings that might affect the safe operation of the vehicle
7. check the fuel and windscreen wash levels and fill up the tanks if levels are too low for the day's activities
8. check the levels of lubricants, cooling system fluid, and other fluid reservoirs,
9. check that health, safety and amenity equipment fitted to, or in, the vehicle is in place and fit for service.

Use and communicate data and information connected with daily inspections

10. complete daily inspection reports in accordance with organisational requirements
11. record any corrective actions taken and report them to the designated person
12. record and report any defects or damage found on vehicles and associated equipment in accordance with organisational procedures
13. issue clear warnings to drivers where vehicles and associated equipment do not conform to safe operational requirements
14. attach warning signs to vehicles that must not be moved as a result of identifying serious defects or where minor defects infringe transport legislation

Resolve problems which arise from inspecting vehicles, plant and associated equipment

15. arrange with supervisor for defects to be rectified before vehicles are released for service
16. advise your designated supervisor immediately when safety warnings or vehicle isolation measures are ignored by drivers or others

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17. inflate tyres to the correct operating pressure
18. top up low fluid levels with the appropriate approved fluids and record
19. report to supervisor any defect with which you are unfamiliar
20. re-supply any missing health, safety and welfare consumables in accordance with organisational requirements

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

General

1. the different types of waste
2. the potential hazards of waste
3. how to identify work-related hazards and difficulties
4. details of work schedules and working procedures
5. how to work with colleagues and other people and resolve disagreements
6. how to use personal protective equipment (PPE) in line with operational procedures
7. organisational policies and why it is important to comply with them
8. what information you are allowed to disclose to other people

Inspection of vehicles

9. the items that need to be checked for a specific vehicle and associated equipment
10. the items which are essential for safety
11. how to identify damage that would interfere with the safe and effective operation of the vehicle and associated equipment
12. how to identify any items missing in the vehicle's associated equipment
13. the operation of the vehicle
14. the procedures for responding to unsafe situations and vehicles and associated equipment not capable of operating effectively
15. the purpose of the inspection check list and how to use it to carry out and record daily checks
16. the procedures for reporting inspections, damage, defects, shortages and actions taken
17. responsibility within the job role with regard to statutory requirements
18. the permitted maintenance or replacements which can be made within the job role

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