
Overview

This Standard defines the competence required to comply with general health and safety in the working environment within the waste management industry. It includes identifying, responding to and reporting hazards and unsafe working practices and using safe methods of work.

This Standard is for anyone who works on waste sites.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. use approved safe working and hygiene methods and techniques when carrying out work activities
2. check work areas are kept clean and tidy and contribute to maintaining them in a suitable condition
3. carry out all work in accordance with safe working procedures and practices and organisational requirements
4. keep to specified walkways in the work place
5. give warnings to people who might be at risk from hazardous conditions
6. comply with the organisation's requirements for all working situations
7. select and use the designated personal protective equipment (PPE) in accordance with operational procedures and legislation
8. report on health and safety issues
9. report conditions that are hazardous to people
10. resolve health and safety issues within your remit and responsibility
11. report problems within own area of responsibility in accordance with operational procedures
12. refer to the designated person health and safety issues including near misses and procedures that don't work, can't be followed and fall outside the responsibility of the job role

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

General

1. the classifications and types of hazardous waste
2. the potential hazards associated with different wastes and the risks that can be found on most waste sites
3. how to identify work-related hazards and risks
4. details of operational procedures and documentation
5. operational procedures and why it is important to comply with them
6. the limits of the job responsibility when communicating with others
7. how to use personal protective equipment (PPE) in line with operational procedures

Health and safety

8. the differences between a hazard and a risk
9. the organisational requirements for personal hygiene
10. the importance of good housekeeping
11. the importance of identifying health and safety hazards and how to minimise them
12. the hierarchy of control measures
13. the importance of warning others about risks and ways to do it
14. the different types of plant equipment and potential risks and controls that are in place to reduce the risk to as low as possible
15. hazard warning signs and their purposes
16. the legal requirements for risk assessments and health and safety obligations and requirements in the work place
17. the organisational requirements for reporting risks, hazards, near misses and dangerous incidents

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