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## 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

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## 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

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## Knowledge and understanding

### You need to know and understand:

You need to know and 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

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### 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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Contribute to the sustainability, maintenance and preservation of the environment



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