



National
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Guidance

Control measure

Follow principles of casualty care



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TRAINING SPECIFICATION

Knowledge and understanding

| Control measure element | Learning outcome |
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| Principles of casualty care | Understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The principles of casualty care • How to apply the principles of casualty care • The need to assume the presence of infectious diseases whenever emergency responders provide casualty care |
| Casualty care point | Understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The benefits of establishing a casualty care point to assist with the medical response |
| Consent | Understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to obtain consent before administering medical treatment if possible and appropriate • That consent may not be necessary if the casualty needs emergency treatment to save their life |

Practical application

| Control measure element | Learning outcome |
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| Stabilise casualties until resources or specialist teams are available to assist with extrication | Demonstrate the ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stabilise the casualty • Carry out a structured assessment of the casualty and provide appropriate treatment |



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| Identify the casualty's level of consciousness and offer reassurance where possible | Demonstrate the ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offer reassurance and identify levels of consciousness |
| Deploy personnel to establish and maintain contact with the casualty | Demonstrate the ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appoint somebody to maintain communication and contact with the casualty |
| Protect the casualty by physically isolating them from immediate harm | Demonstrate the ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Isolate the casualty from hazards that could cause them harm• Aim to remove all hazards from the vicinity of the casualty• If the hazards cannot be removed, consider moving the casualty to a place of relative safety• Minimise on-scene time |
| Question the casualty, other emergency responders and witnesses to understand incident factors and history | Demonstrate the ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Try to identify the mechanics of their injury and obtain a brief history of the casualty |
| Ensure that if possible and appropriate, consent to treatment has been obtained | Demonstrate the ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Obtain consent from the casualty before administering medical treatment if possible and appropriate |
| Address life-threatening injuries or conditions in line with service training | Demonstrate the ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prioritise and treat life-threatening injuries, as determined by service policies, procedures or tailored guidance |
| Establish and resource a casualty care point if required | Demonstrate the ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish a casualty care point if required |
| Provide appropriate casualty care | Demonstrate the ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply the principles of casualty care |