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## Control measure

**Safety officers: Water rescue and  
flooding**



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### TRAINING SPECIFICATION

#### Knowledge and understanding

Control measure element	Learning outcome
Safety officers: Water rescue and flooding	Understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That, if required, safety officers should be appointed, briefed and positioned as soon as practicable</li> <li>• That safety officers should have an understanding of the nature of the incident and the environment</li> <li>• That the number and location of safety officers should be in keeping with the hazard area and activities being carried out</li> <li>• That safety officers should not carry out their duties in isolation and should always have an appropriate method of communicating</li> <li>• That the most effective use of personnel and equipment should be prioritised</li> <li>• That appointment of downstream safety teams or upstream spotters should be determined by a risk assessment</li> </ul>

#### Practical application



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**Control measure element**

Consider appropriately deploying adequate safety officers at water rescue incidents

**Learning outcome**

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Deploy adequate safety officers to carry out appropriate roles and functions
- Appropriately determine the positioning of safety officers
- Ensure safety officers establish and maintain effective communication with relevant personnel and the incident commander