



National
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Guidance

Control measure

Cordon controls: Toxic materials



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TRAINING SPECIFICATION

Knowledge and understanding

Control measure element	Learning outcome
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Recognise the involvement of toxic materials and implement appropriate cordons

Understand:

- The importance of initial cordon controls to reduce exposure and contamination
- Instances when evacuation or shelter-in-place are necessary
- Limits and levels of exposure guidance to assist with tactical decisions
- Monitoring and/or modelling to determine protective actions
- Health monitoring protocols for people affected by toxic materials

Refer to – [Cordon controls – operations training specification](#)

Practical application



Control measure element

Learning outcome

Recognise the involvement of toxic materials and implement appropriate cordons

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Establish safe control and effective management of resources and the public
- Assess and monitor the effect of weather on airborne toxic materials
- Apply health surveillance procedures to monitor exposed responders

Refer to – [Cordon controls – operations training specification](#)