



National
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Guidance

Control measure

Safety officers



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Responsibilities of safety officers

Understand:

- When it may be beneficial to appoint a safety officer
- What functions safety officers will be responsible for

Safety within sectors

Understand:

- When it may be beneficial to appoint a safety sector commander
- Who a safety sector commander should report to
- The responsibilities of a safety sector commander

Practical application

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Learning outcome

Appoint suitably competent personnel as safety officers

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Consider the need for and appointing one or more safety officers
- Ensure safety officers can be easily identified

Task safety officers to carry out activities that will maintain the safety of operational personnel

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Ensure safety officers understand their role and responsibilities

Instigate a safety sector at large or complex incidents, under the control of a safety sector commander

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Consider establishing a safety sector
- Appoint a safety sector commander if appropriate



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Learning outcome

Task safety sector commanders to carry out activities, primarily to co-ordinate the role of other safety officers

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Ensure safety sector commanders understand their role and responsibilities

Consider appointing a safety officer to assist with maintaining the health and safety of people within their sector

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Appoint a safety officer to assist a sector commander