



National
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Guidance

Control measure

Cordon controls: Water rescue



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TRAINING SPECIFICATION

Knowledge and understanding

Control measure element

Learning outcome

Establish hazard areas	Understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to establish hazard areas • How to use physical barriers to indicate the hazard area • The need to control access to the hazard area • Why it may not be possible to use physical barriers or control access to the hazard area
Cordons	Understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of comprehensive briefings • The use of physical barriers • The need to ensure personnel operate in safe areas • The appropriate use of guarded edges • That cordons may be required to control members of the public • That the assistance of the police may be required
Hot, warm and cold zones at water-related incidents	Understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to separate the hazard area into hot, warm and cold zones for water-related incidents • The definition for each of the zones, including who should be allowed in each zone • The need to effectively establish and implement the zones • That zones may need to be adjusted • The need to ensure all emergency responders are informed about the hazard area and zones, along with any changes to them



Control measure element

Learning outcome

Geographical impacts	Understand: • That the geographic scale of a water rescue incident can make the management of personnel difficult
Cordon control gateways	Understand: • How to use cordon control gateways to establish greater levels of command and control
Duration of work	Understand: • Why there may need to be appropriate limits on duration of commitment to the hazard area • That the tasks and environmental conditions should be considered when determining the duration of commitment • The need to maintain regular radio contact with personnel in the hazard area
Safety officers	Understand: • The benefits of appointing a safety officer to control cordons and zones

Practical application

Control measure element

Learning outcome

Ensure that personnel operate on the safe side of existing guarding near water or surrounding unstable surfaces	Demonstrate the ability to: • Appropriately use physical barriers • Ensure personnel work on the safe side of guarding near water or surrounding unstable surfaces
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Learning outcome

Establish and maintain the water hazard area with hot, warm and cold zones and communicate to all emergency responders, including any changes

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Appropriately establish and maintain the water hazard area
- Appropriately define and use hot, warm and cold zones
- Ensure all emergency responders are made aware of the hazard area and the hot, warm and cold zones
- Ensure all emergency responders are advised of any changes to the hazard area or zones

Ensure that entry to the water hazard area is controlled, including the need for appropriate PPE

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Control entry to the water hazard area
- Ensure appropriate PPE is worn

Consider using cordon control gateways for water rescue incidents

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Consider the use of cordon control gateways

Consider appointing a safety officer to control cordons and the zones within it for water rescue incidents

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Appoint a safety officer if required to control cordons and zones

Request police attendance to manage cordons outside of the water hazard area

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Request police assistance to control cordons if required