



Australian Government

MSMWHS205 Control minor incidents

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Modification History

Release 1. Supersedes and is equivalent to MSAPMOHS205A Control minor incidents

Application

This unit of competency covers the skills and knowledge required to control minor incidents. The general purpose of this initial response is to prevent any incident from escalating. In the event of an incident this person may be expected to respond to an incident team member in accordance with procedures.

The unit of competency applies to most operations personnel and some non-operations personnel. It covers skills and knowledge beyond what is typically covered in an induction program, but does not require specialist training, such as is given to members of an incident response team.

Generally the person would be part of a team during an incident response. However, he/she may be required to take independent action. At all times they would be liaising and cooperating with other members of the team.

This unit applies to all sectors of the industry.

This unit will assist individuals to meet some of their obligations under relevant state/territory legislation. However, the unit must be contextualised to ensure compliance with specific regulatory requirements that may apply in a sector, jurisdiction, or type of organisation.

Organisations within the chemical, hydrocarbons and refining industries may find themselves falling under the provisions of various Major Hazard Facilities legislation. In developing this unit consideration has been given to the requirements of Sections 8 and 9 of the National Standard for the Control of Major Hazard Facilities [NOHSC:1014 (2002)] and the National Code of Practice for the Control of Major Hazard Facilities [NOHSC:2016 (1996)].

This unit does NOT apply to more significant incidents where higher levels of incident response competencies may be required.

No other licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Work health and safety

Unit Sector

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements describe the essential outcomes

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element

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| 1 | Evaluate the incident | 1.1 | Recognise an incident has occurred or is about to occur |
| | | 1.2 | Assess the incident for type of response and the likely effectiveness of first response action |
| | | 1.3 | Identify the hazards arising from the incident |
| | | 1.4 | Raise the alarm and seek assistance as required |
| | | 1.5 | Select appropriate response to control incident |
| | | 1.6 | Determine hazard control measures to be employed |
| | | 1.7 | Recommend evacuation if appropriate |
| 2 | Control the incident | 2.1 | Maintain personal safety at all times |
| | | 2.2 | Confine the incident to the area of origin where possible |
| | | 2.3 | Select appropriate equipment to control incident |
| | | 2.4 | Use equipment in accordance with procedures |
| | | 2.5 | Clear and secure the incident area |
| | | 2.6 | Monitor the incident and surrounding conditions and modify response as appropriate |
| | | 2.7 | Hand over to specialist incident response personnel as appropriate |
| 3 | Conclude the incident control | 3.1 | Report the use of equipment according to procedures |
| | | 3.2 | Mark or position incident control equipment after use to indicate it requires servicing or replacing |
| | | 3.3 | Participate in incident debrief and report in accordance |

with procedures

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential to performance.

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

This field allows for different work environments and conditions that may affect performance. Essential operating conditions that may be present (depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) are included.

Regulatory framework

The latest version of all legislation, regulations, industry codes of practice and Australian/international standards, or the version specified by the local regulatory authority, must be used, and include one or more of the following:

- National Standard for the Control of Major Hazard Facilities [NOHSC:1014 (2002)] (where applicable)
- National Code of Practice for the Control of Major Hazard Facilities [NOHSC:2016 (1996)] (where applicable)
- legislative requirements, including work health and safety (WHS)
- industry codes of practice and guidelines
- environmental regulations and guidelines
- Australian and other standards
- licence and certification requirements

Procedures

All operations must be performed in accordance with relevant procedures.

Procedures are written, verbal, visual, computer-based or in some other form, and include one or more of the following:

- emergency procedures
- work instructions
- standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- safe work method statements (SWMS)
- temporary instructions
- any similar instructions provided for the smooth running of the plant

Minor incidents

Minor incidents include one or more of the following:

- fires of the A,B,C,D,E and F classes
- fuel and other spills, and losses of containment (LOC)
- process overheating
- equipment failure

Hazards

Hazards include one or more of the following:

- smoke, darkness and heat
- heat, smoke, dust or other atmospheric hazards
- electricity
- gas
- gases and liquids under pressure
- structural hazards
- structural collapse
- equipment failures
- industrial (machinery, equipment and product)
- equipment or product mass
- noise, rotational equipment or vibration
- limited head spaces or overhangs
- working at heights, in restricted or confined spaces, or in environments subjected to heat, noise, dusts or vapours
- fire and explosion
- flammability and explosivity
- hazardous products and materials
- unauthorised personnel
- sharp edges, protrusions or obstructions
- slippery surfaces, spills or leaks
- extreme weather
- other hazards that might arise

Equipment

Equipment includes one or more of the following:

- fire doors
- fire sprinkler systems
- fire alarm systems
- first aid kits
- fire-extinguishers
- hoses not requiring special training
- smoke vents
- spill control kits

- personal protective equipment (PPE)
- other hazard control equipment defined in procedures

Appropriate personnel

Appropriate personnel include one or more of the following:

- employer
- supervisor
- employees elected as WHS representatives
- other personnel with WHS responsibilities

Unit Mapping Information

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Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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