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SIFCBCR006 Prepare for gravedigging

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Modification History

The details of this endorsed unit are in the table below. The latest information is at the top.

Release	Comments
2	Editorial correction to prerequisite code.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to assess a gravesite for the appropriate gravedigging method and prepare the site for digging or re-opening according to work requirements. It applies to cemetery and crematorium staff involved in burial works under supervision as part of a team. Work is carried out according to work health and safety, relevant legislation and workplace policies and procedures.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

SIFCWHS001 Identify hazards and assess risks in a cemetery or crematorium

Competency Field

Burial and Cremation Operations

Unit Sector

Cemetery and Crematoria

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

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

1. Determine gravedigging requirements.

- 1.1 Identify appropriate lined or unlined gravesite and physical location according to cemetery map or plan.
- 1.2 Assess site and surrounding area to determine soil type, safety hazards, access and egress, requirement to conduct grave probe, removal of soil and effect on presentation of nearby graves.

- 1.3 Determine viability of gravesite according to safety requirements and refer to manager or leading hand for further instruction.
 - 1.4 Select manual or machinery gravedigging method.
2. Conduct grave probe as required.
 - 2.1 Select and prepare personal protective equipment.
 - 2.2 Select and prepare tools and equipment and machinery according to work requirements, and manufacturer guidelines.
 - 2.3 Undertake slab removal as required.
 - 2.4 Measure plot to determine correct location of initial probe position.
 - 2.5 Probe gravesite according to measurements.
 - 2.6 Record measurements from probe to determine vacancy status.
 - 2.7 Report viability of gravesite to appropriate personnel.
3. Prepare for digging.
 - 3.1 Assemble and brief gravedigging work team as required.
 - 3.2 Advise gravedigging work team of above and below ground lines of communication to be used in case of emergency.
 - 3.3 Select and prepare personal protective equipment.
 - 3.4 Select and prepare tools and equipment according to work requirements.
 - 3.5 Mark site according to grave dimensions and supervisor instructions.
 - 3.6 Inspect and remove monuments, masonry or headstones that impact stability or access.
 - 3.7 Apply protective strategies to preserve adjacent graves.
 - 3.8 Place protective restraints to ensure access by authorised personnel only.

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.

Unit Mapping Information

SIFBCR017A Prepare for gravedigging.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c2c3131e-4418-4aa3-8ff1-a855c95f7fd6>