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SIFCBCR007 Dig graves using machinery

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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
3	Editorial correction to prerequisite code.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to use machinery to dig or re-open a grave in a safe manner and assess gravesites to minimise the risk of grave collapse. It applies to cemetery and crematorium staff involved in burial works and work under supervision as part of a team. It involves ensuring that all 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

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

1. Conduct grave excavation and shoring.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

- 1.1 Determine gravedigging requirement according to work requirements, risk assessment and relevant legislation.
- 1.2 Locate appropriate gravesite according to cemetery map or plan and physical location.

- 1.3 Select and prepare personal protective equipment.
 - 1.4 Assess grave shoring requirements.
 - 1.5 Dig grave using machinery and appropriate tools and equipment according to manufacturer guidelines and dimensions of coffin or casket.
 - 1.6 Apply workplace procedures for safe storage of displaced earth or removal from site.
 - 1.7 Undertake progressive grave shoring requirements using a safe and appropriate shoring method.
 - 1.8 Maintain above and below ground communication with other team members.
2. Minimise risk of grave collapse.
 - 2.1 Maintain safe surface loadings according to soil type and condition.
 - 2.2 Constantly monitor excavation for grave collapse warning signs.
 - 2.3 Take appropriate corrective or emergency action.
3. Clean up and make safe open gravesite.
 - 3.1 Cover surface area from edge of excavation to ensure soil integrity and stability and provide safe work area for funeral.
 - 3.2 Place grave supports and lowering devices in readiness for coffin or casket according to work requirements.
 - 3.3 Clean area adjacent to grave and remove earth to ensure safety of funeral work area.
 - 3.4 Assess and address damage caused to adjacent graves by machinery.
 - 3.5 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

SIFBCR023A Dig a grave using machinery.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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