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AHCWRK316 Respond to rescue incidents

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Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 9.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to respond to emergency and rescue incidents.

The unit applies to individuals who respond to rescue incidents under broad direction, and take responsibility for their own work.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, health and safety in the workplace requirements, legislative and regulatory requirements.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Work (WRK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare for response	1.1 Obtain task and operational instructions 1.2 Confirm location and details of incident 1.3 Collect tools and equipment according to task requirements 1.4 Check tools and equipment for serviceability 1.5 Identify faulty or unsafe tools and equipment, and separate for

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	repair or replacement 1.6 Select, fit, use and maintain personal protective equipment (PPE) applicable to the task 1.7 Identify local environment conditions
2. Respond to incident	2.1 Travel to incident location in a safe and efficient manner 2.2 Maintain communication with base station and other rescue personnel at all times 2.3 Carry out on-site search activities as necessary
3. Effect rescue	3.1 Assess and monitor incident scene for hazards and appropriateness of planned procedures 3.2 Modify planned procedures where necessary in response to local circumstances 3.3 Provide support to other rescue services as appropriate 3.4 Obtain access to casualties safely 3.5 Operate equipment safely and appropriately 3.6 Communicate the progress of the rescue to appropriate rescue personnel 3.7 Move casualties to safety as directed
4. Implement post-incident responses	4.1 Recover, clean, maintain and store tools, equipment and PPE 4.2 Document and report incidents and tools and equipment unserviceability to supervisor

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Writing	Use clear language, accurate industry terminology and logical structure to complete documentation
Oral communication	Use clear language with supervisor, base station and other rescue

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	personnel to report site search activities and rescue progress, and provide support to rescue services Use clear language to report incidents and tools and equipment unserviceability

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCWRK316 Respond to rescue incidents	AHCWRK304 Respond to rescue incidents	Minor changes to application Major and minor changes to performance criteria Foundation skills added Major and minor edits to performance and knowledge evidence and assessment conditions	Not equivalent

Links

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has responded to at least one rescue incident and has:

- investigated the circumstances and logistics for the emergency
- carried out preparation and moved to the rescue site
- applied workplace health and safety requirements, including fitted and used personal protective equipment (PPE)
- assessed the situation and established communication with additional or specialist help
- carried out the required rescue or response to emergency
- implemented post-incident responses.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- operation and characteristics of rescue equipment, tools and vehicles
- workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for responding to rescue incidents
- local environmental conditions
- search and rescue methods
- types of hazards and how they should be handled.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:

- a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - rescue tools and equipment
 - PPE applicable to responding to rescue incidents
- specifications:
 - workplace health and safety legislation, regulations, codes of practice and workplace procedures relevant to responding to rescue incidents
- relationships:
 - supervisor, base station and other rescue personnel.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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