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Modification History

Release 1. This is the first release of this unit of competency in the PUA Public Safety Training Package.

Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all the requirements of the elements, performance criteria and range of conditions on at least one occasion and includes

- applying Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) organisational requirements
- communicating information and liaising with stakeholders
- conducting initial assessment of scene and identifying and mitigating onsite hazards
- controlling integrity of scene and evidence
- examining scene thoroughly
- gathering physical evidence
- identifying potential witnesses and recording initial statements
- implementing legislative requirements and organisational policies and procedures
- implementing methodical and systematic approach
- making arrangements to protect integrity of evidence
- reassuring bystanders including listening and questioning them
- recording and compiling interviews and statements accurately
- recording and reporting details of incident scene in accordance with organisational requirements
- taking notes accurately
- working with a variety of professionals

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all the requirements of the elements, performance criteria and range of conditions and includes knowledge of

- additional resources to support initial investigation
- arrangements for protecting integrity of evidence
- circumstance initiating need for specialised investigations
- circumstances surrounding scene including sequence of events, possible causes, people and property involved, victims, suspects and witnesses, damage, injury, organisational personnel,

- other organisations and agencies, status of investigation and action taken to date
- details that may be relevant to the investigation
- factors impacting incident scene including prevailing weather, additional resources to preserve and protect incident scene, environmental circumstances, chronology of events, access to scene, number of persons at scene, availability of support services, boundaries and other organisations and/or agencies
- factors impacting security of an incident scene
- features and use of a variety of specialised equipment
- functions and roles of other professionals and experts
- identification, collection and recording of evidence
- incident scene protection and preservation
- indicators of emotional distress
- methods of evidence collection
- methods of packaging
- organisational documentation policies and procedures
- public safety risk factors including factors at incident scene that could impact on safety of investigators and security or preservation of actual site and security and preservation of situational evidence
- scene access and egress
- types of physical evidence including shoe impressions, tyre prints, skid marks, fingerprints, containers, fibres, flammable and combustible liquids, tool marks, bloodstains, identifying numbers, bodily fluids and burn patterns
- Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) organisational requirements including risk mitigation and duty of care at incident scene

Assessment Conditions

As a minimum, assessors must satisfy applicable regulatory requirements, which include requirements in the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

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Assessment processes and techniques must be appropriate to the language, literacy and numeracy requirements of the work being performed and the needs of the candidate.

Assessment must occur in workplace operational situations. Where this is not appropriate, assessment must occur in industry approved simulated workplace operational situations that reflect workplace conditions.

Competency should be assessed either indoors or outdoors in a rural or urban environment.

Resources for assessment must include access to

- a range of relevant exercises, case studies and/or simulations
- relevant and appropriate materials, equipment, tools and personal protective clothing and

equipment used in industry

- applicable documentation including organisational procedures, industry standards, equipment specifications, regulations, codes of practice and operation manuals.

Links

PUA Training Package Companion Volume Implementation Guide is found in VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=3eca5672-6d5a-410b-8942-810d0ba05bbf>