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PUAPOL001B Maintain operational safety

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Modification History

Unit Descriptor

This unit covers the competency to assess and respond to general workplace safety risks, including the use of defensive tactics and/or restraining techniques.

This unit does not cover the specialised safety practices required of specialist officers such as Police Diver, Search and Rescue Squad member, Special Operations/Tactical response Group member, Covert Investigators or some Forensic Investigators.

Application of the Unit

The application of this unit in the workplace - the environments, complexities and situations involved - will be written during Phase II of the Review of the PUA00 Public Safety Training Package.

This text will be useful for the purposes of job descriptions, recruitment advice or job analysis; where possible, it will not be too job specific to allow other industries to import it into other Training Packages, where feasible.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Pre-Requisites

Nil

Employability Skills Information

The required outcomes described in this Unit of Competency contain applicable facets of Employability Skills. The Employability Skills Summary of the qualification in which this Unit of Competency is packaged, will assist in identifying Employability Skill requirements.

Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a Unit of Competency.

Performance Criteria describe the required performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the Required Skills and Knowledge and/or the Range Statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the Evidence Guide.

Elements and Performance Criteria

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Element	Performance Criteria
1 Monitor and assess situational risks in workplaces	1.1 Situational safety is monitored and assessed and well informed judgements are made in accordance with agreed operational practices and the surrounding environment 1.2 Potential risks to own safety, the safety of fellow officers and members of the public are quickly and correctly identified assessed and monitored
2 Maintain a safe working environment	2.1 Operational safety responses/procedures are identified and/or planned and implemented within organisation's procedures and policies 2.2 Equipment, materials and environment are assessed for hazards and protective action is planned to ensure the health and safety of people 2.3 Safety issues are evaluated and advised to the relevant officers and alternate responses are devised 2.4 Appropriate protective clothing and equipment are correctly identified, worn and utilised where and when required 2.5 Incidents are identified and observations are recorded and reported accurately, promptly and in the required format to relevant personnel
3 Employ defensive tactics	3.1 Situations are assessed correctly and informed judgements made as appropriate for the use of defensive tactics and/or physical restraint techniques 3.2 Defensive tactics and/or restraining techniques are applied in accordance with jurisdictional law, organisational policy and procedures and subject to surrounding conditions 3.3 Documentation regarding the 'use of force' is completed and submitted in accordance with organisational requirements

- 3.4 Defensive tactics and restraining skills are applied at the appropriate situations and to organisational standard

Required Skills and Knowledge

This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.

Required Skills

Recognising and accurately assessing situational risks/hazards

Planning, implementing and where necessary adapting workplace safety responses to situational contexts

Minimising workplace risks to self, colleagues and the public

Effectively communicating safety issues/concerns to colleagues, supervisors and when necessary other emergency service workers and the public

Effectively communicate with a wide range of community members such as those with physical/sensory/intellectual impairment and cultural differences

The most appropriate 'use of force' (restraining and defensive tactics)

Safe operation and use of general issue and emergency operational equipment and safety clothing

Safe operation of police vehicles under a variety of operational and environmental contexts

Required Knowledge

Organisational OH&S legislation as it applies to policing

Organisational policy and procedures covering operational safety issues/practices

Potential risks associated with a full range of non-specialist operational policing activities

Established strategies to optimise safety under a range of operational scenarios

The 'use of force', its legal parameters and reporting requirements in relation to operations

General 'duty of care' responsibilities

OH&S Guidelines for lifting and carrying persons

Evidence Guide

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

It is essential for this unit that competence be demonstrated in identifying workplace safety risks, work practices and defensive tactics to ensure the safety of self and others

Consistency in performance

Evidence should be gathered over a period of time in a range of actual or simulated workplace environments

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Context of assessment

Evidence should be gathered over a period of time in a range of actual or simulated workplace environments

Specific resources for assessment

All necessary equipment for operational safety and vehicles and standard organisational operational accoutrements are available

Guidance information for assessment

Information that will assist or guide assessment will be written during Phase II of the Review of the PUA00 Public Safety Training Package.

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT

The Range Statement relates to the Unit of Competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. **Bold italicised** wording in the Performance Criteria is detailed below.

Workplaces may include

police stations
 watch-houses
 foot or mobile patrol environments
 crime/incident scenes
 public crowd/traffic control tasking sites
 sporting and social venues
 industrial/business/domestic buildings
 public transport systems

Monitoring and assessing situations may include

identification and valuation of the potential risks (and their strengths) arising from a situation or a situation's particular 'time frame'
 techniques such as personal observation
 reviewing previous reports
 gathering existing situational intelligence from colleagues
 other emergency service workers and/or public present at site
 analysis of situational intelligence and evidence
 communication with other agencies such as RTA
 Local Government
 Community Services

Potential risks may include

matters or events that could harm persons
 buildings of property and could be already present or evolve as a result of actions taken

Safe working practices should focus on the techniques/strategies that optimise the present and future safety of persons and property involved or present at the given

crowd control
 situational communication techniques
 dealing with

workplace site and cover practices/matters including but not limited to	aggressive/violent/intoxicated/drugged/injured/uncooperative persons operation of police vehicles and equipment including weapons use of force' techniques/options/strategies use of safety clothing (visibility vests, wet weather gear, riot clothing/headgear, rubber gloves, etc) warning devices (portable lamps, signs, torches) and safety barriers/ warning tapes dealing with potentially hazardous substances such as noxious gases, chemicals, fuels prevention of disease transmissions lifting and carry persons risk assessment and contingency planning
Safety issues may include	Safety issues are defined as issues/matters that may impact on the future safety of officers and could include faulty equipment inappropriate operational procedures or the need for skills enhancement
Communication in the context of this unit	In this unit communication is focused on 'officer survival' and therefore covers communication techniques required for dealing with potentially hazardous situations either as a single officer or in partnership with other officers/emergency service workers and includes both verbal and non-verbal techniques
Self defence and/or restraining techniques may include	the range of offensive/defensive skills and tactics sanctioned by an organisation to enable an officer to defend against or restrain persons attempting to physically harm themselves the officer colleagues or members of the public

Unit Sector(s)