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SIFCBCR003 Dig graves manually

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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 manually dig and re-open graves in a safe manner and assess gravesites to minimise the risk of grave collapse. It applies to cemetery staff involved in burial works working under supervision as part of a team and 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 manual 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 and risk assessment.
- 1.2 Locate 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 Manually dig grave according to dimensions of coffin or casket using appropriate tools and equipment.
 - 1.6 Identify and apply workplace procedures for safe storage of displaced earth or removal from site.
 - 1.7 Undertake progressive grave shoring requirements according to work requirement using 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 to 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 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

SIFBCR020A Dig a grave manually.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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