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SIFCBCR006 Prepare for gravedigging

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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 assess a gravesite for the appropriate gravedigging method and prepare the site for digging or re-opening according to work requirements. It applies to cemetery and crematorium staff involved in burial works under supervision as part of a team. 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. Determine gravedigging requirements.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

- 1.1 Identify appropriate lined or unlined gravesite and physical location according to cemetery map or plan.
- 1.2 Assess site and surrounding area to determine soil type, safety hazards, access and egress, requirement to conduct grave probe, removal of soil and effect on presentation of nearby graves.

- 1.3 Determine viability of gravesite according to safety requirements and refer to manager or leading hand for further instruction.
 - 1.4 Select manual or machinery gravedigging method.
2. Conduct grave probe as required.
 - 2.1 Select and prepare personal protective equipment.
 - 2.2 Select and prepare tools and equipment and machinery according to work requirements, and manufacturer guidelines.
 - 2.3 Undertake slab removal as required.
 - 2.4 Measure plot to determine correct location of initial probe position.
 - 2.5 Probe gravesite according to measurements.
 - 2.6 Record measurements from probe to determine vacancy status.
 - 2.7 Report viability of gravesite to appropriate personnel.
3. Prepare for digging.
 - 3.1 Assemble and brief gravedigging work team as required.
 - 3.2 Advise gravedigging work team of above and below ground lines of communication to be used in case of emergency.
 - 3.3 Select and prepare personal protective equipment.
 - 3.4 Select and prepare tools and equipment according to work requirements.
 - 3.5 Mark site according to grave dimensions and supervisor instructions.
 - 3.6 Inspect and remove monuments, masonry or headstones that impact stability or access.
 - 3.7 Apply protective strategies to preserve adjacent graves.
 - 3.8 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

SIFBCR017A Prepare for gravedigging.

Links

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Assessment Requirements for SIFCBCR006 Prepare for gravedigging

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Not applicable.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- identify and assess gravesites to select appropriate gravedigging or re-opening method, tools, equipment and safety requirements according to work requirements
- take accurate measurements, make accurate calculations and conduct accurate probes.

Evidence of performance of preparing for grave digging on two or more occasions is required to demonstrate consistency of performance and ability to respond to different situations.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge of:

- soil types and their impact on gravedigging
- tools equipment and machinery used in relation to gravedigging, and their associated uses
- use and maintenance of personal protective equipment
- safe operation of relevant tools and equipment
- safe shoring structures and procedures
- safety hazards in relation to gravedigging, including:
 - air
 - water
 - vibration
 - heat
 - slippery surfaces
 - overhead obstacles
 - ground pressure:
 - machinery
 - people
 - soil
 - structures
 - previously dug graves
 - monument collapse
 - foreign objects
 - drains

- cables
- sprinklers
- pipes
- trees and roots
- risk assessment procedures
- federal, state or territory, and local government legislation and regulations relating to work health and safety/occupational health and safety and gravedigging
- workplace policies and procedures to protect personnel and gravesites
- environmental impacts in relation to gravedigging and minimal impact practices to reduce these, especially those that relate to resource, water and energy use
- environmentally sound disposal methods for all types of waste and in particular for hazardous substances.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment that is as industry realistic as possible. In a simulated environment, it is essential that assessment is conducted:

- using suitable facilities, equipment and resources, including:
 - a cemetery environment that allows for identification of vacant gravesites and protection of adjacent gravesites
 - gravedigging tools and equipment, protective restraints, above and below ground emergency communication and personal protective equipment
- under industry conditions where there is:
 - integration of tasks with possible interruptions to work typical of the job role
 - speed and timing requirements that reflect commercial operating conditions
 - interaction with manager and team members

Assessors must satisfy the NVR/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

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