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SIFCBCR008 Consolidate collapsed graves

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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 identify the cause of a grave collapse, make safe the ground surrounding the grave and consolidate a collapsed grave safely. It applies to experienced cemetery gravedigging staff and involves working under supervision 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. Prepare to consolidate collapsed grave.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

- 1.1 Identify visible signs of grave collapse and report to manager.
- 1.2 Establish visible and underlying causes of grave collapse.
- 1.3 Assess and confirm work requirements with relevant staff.

- 1.4 Prepare and check personal protective equipment for serviceability.
 - 1.5 Assemble tools, equipment and machinery according to work requirements.
 - 1.6 Determine safety hazards and take corrective action by using alternative shoring methods or a sludge pump.
2. Make ground safe.
 - 2.1 Assemble and brief work team according to work requirements.
 - 2.2 Make ground safe using identified shoring system.
3. Conduct grave collapse consolidation.
 - 3.1 Carry out grave collapse consolidation according to work requirements.
 - 3.2 Maintain above and below ground communication with team members as required.
 - 3.3 Take appropriate corrective or emergency action as required.
 - 3.4 Remove, clean and store tools, equipment and machinery.

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

SIFBCR021A Consolidate collapsed graves.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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

Assessment Requirements for SIFBCR008 Consolidate collapsed graves

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Not applicable.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- select, prepare, use, maintain and clean the required tools and equipment according to supervisor instructions, workplace policies and procedures, and manufacturer guidelines
- identify and assess the causes and methods for treating grave collapses, to make safe the ground surrounding the grave and to consolidate a collapsed grave safely.

Evidence of performance of consolidating collapsed graves on two or more occasions is required to demonstrate consistency of performance and ability to respond to different situations.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge of:

- causes of collapsed graves, including:
 - air
 - vibration
 - water
 - ground pressure:
 - machinery
 - people
 - soil
 - soil types or conditions
- visible signs of collapsed graves, including but not restricted to:
 - fretting from top edge
 - slump in surface near excavation
 - tension cracks
 - support timbers bowing or creaking
- tools equipment and machinery used in relation to consolidating collapsed graves, and their associated uses
- use and maintenance of personal protective equipment
- use of protective restraints
- hazards related to collapsed graves

- appropriate corrective and emergency actions to collapsed graves, including:
 - alternative shoring methods
 - use of a sludge pump
 - reduced soil loadings
 - evacuation of gravesite
- shoring methods, including soil types and conditions relevant to shoring requirements
- 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 maintain safety requirements
- 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 where a grave collapse has occurred, which allows for application of shoring skills
 - gravedigging tools, equipment and machinery 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 team members

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

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