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SIFXWHS004 Implement and monitor infection and contamination control practices

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to implement and monitor infection and contamination control practices according to work health and safety, relevant legislation and workplace policies and procedures. It applies to funeral home and cemetery or crematorium staff who are responsible for coordinating or supervising staff whose work requires the application of infection and contamination control practices.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Competency Field

Work Health and Safety

Unit Sector

Cross-Sector

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

1. Provide information about infection and contamination control practices.
2. Implement and monitor infection and contamination control practices.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

- 1.1 Ensure information on workplace infection and contamination control practices is available to all staff in an accessible location and format.
- 1.2 Advise staff members of relevant information.
- 1.3 Maintain currency of information using relevant sources.
- 2.1 Implement and monitor personal hygiene and infection and contamination control practices.
- 2.2 Monitor cleanliness and sanitation of equipment and surfaces.
- 2.3 Implement and monitor infection and contamination

control practices for handling deceased persons.

2.4 Implement and monitor practices for removal of infectious or contaminated materials and waste.

3. Address non compliance with infection and contamination control practices.

3.1 Investigate instances of non compliance with infection and contamination control in consultation with relevant personnel.

3.2 Develop and implement action plan to address non compliance issues in consultation with relevant personnel.

3.3 Review implementation of action plan and undertake further consultation to address ongoing issues of non compliance.

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

SIFOHS005A Implement and monitor infection and contamination control practices.

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 SIFXWHS004 Implement and monitor infection and contamination control practices

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Not applicable.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- source, compile and present current infection and contamination control information to staff
- implement and monitor at least two safe work practices for infection and contamination control
- develop at least two action plans to address non-compliance issues.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge of:

- resources that inform of relevant federal, state or territory, and local government legislation and regulations relating to work health and safety/occupational health and safety, infection control and handling human remains
- workplace policies and procedures in relation to work health and safety/occupational health and safety infection and contamination control
- features of infection and contamination control practices, including:
 - checking for infectious and transmittable disease
 - using personal protective equipment
 - sterilising apparatus and instruments
 - providing sterile storage areas for instruments
 - using disinfectants
 - safe removal and disposal of soiled and contaminated garments
 - safe ventilation
 - avoiding invasive procedures on bodies
 - immunisation
 - periodic X-rays
 - seeking medical advice
 - recording injury and incidence
 - reporting injury and incidence
 - providing first aid kit
 - performing first aid as necessary
 - labelling clothing

- types of hazardous materials and environmentally sound disposal methods for all types of waste and in particular for contamination and hazardous substances disposal techniques
- workplace reporting and referral procedures and practices
- effective communication strategies to:
 - inform staff of legislative and work requirements
 - monitor staff performance
 - address non-compliance.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in a funeral home, cemetery or crematorium workplace:

- using suitable equipment and resources, including:
 - housekeeping equipment and materials and personal protective equipment
 - workplace policies and procedures and template documents used for the management of work health and safety/occupational health and safety practices
- 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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