Title	Act to protect people in situations of workplace danger		
Level	3	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: - take action in a workplace emergency to protect people from danger prior to being evacuated; and - initiate and conduct emergency workplace evacuations.
Classification	Community and Workplace Fire and Emergency Management > Workplace Fire and Emergency Response

Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes: Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire Safety, Evacuation Procedures, and Evacuation Schemes) Regulations 2018, Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017, and Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.

2 Definitions

Emergency refers to a situation or event where an organisation or workplace takes immediate action to protect people and property that are at risk, where this action does not form part of their normal business activity. Emergencies may include but are not limited to – fire, flood, storm, earthquake, tsunami, volcanic activity, hazardous substance emergency, bomb threat, subversive action, war, civil unrest, or a combination thereof.

Emergency procedures refer to the actions to be taken in the event of an emergency as stated in the Workplace Emergency Management Plan.

Non-ambulatory refers to people who are unable to move without the assistance of other people or machines.

Workplace Emergency Management Plan refers to the document that contains emergency procedures to be conducted in the event of an emergency. The plan may be referred to as a Disaster Management Plan, Emergency Plan, or Business Continuance Plan and will include the building Evacuation Scheme or Procedure.

3 Candidates should be assessed in the type of emergency most likely to be experienced in their own workplace and/or community, and assessment may be conducted in a simulated emergency.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Take action in a workplace emergency to protect people from danger prior to being evacuated.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The emergency situation is assessed to identify people in danger.
- 1.2 Actions are taken to control the emergency situation and to protect people from danger prior to evacuation in accordance with the emergency procedures.
- 1.3 Emergency control activities are maintained until the evacuation can be attempted.

Outcome 2

Initiate and conduct emergency workplace evacuations.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Action taken to assist the movement of non-ambulatory people is consistent with emergency procedures.
- 2.2 Evacuated areas are checked and cleared in accordance with the emergency procedures.
- 2.3 Liaison with authorities and/or attending emergency service personnel is assisted with emergency control activities.

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Comments on this unit standard

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