

<b>Title</b>	<b>Protect and preserve a fire scene</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>People credited with this unit standard are able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- demonstrate knowledge of fire scene preservation;</li> <li>- identify and report evidence for the purpose of supporting fire investigation; and</li> <li>- secure a fire-affected scene.</li> </ul>
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<b>Classification</b>	Fire and Rescue Services > Fire and Rescue Services - Generic Fire Fighting
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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**Guidance Information**

- 1 Compliance with the fire and rescue service provider’s Health and Safety policy and procedures is mandatory.
- 2 Assessment against this unit standard must take place under real or simulated conditions.
- 3 Definition  
*Fire and emergency agency’s requirements* refer to policies, procedures and supporting documentation on safety and operations set down by each fire and emergency agency employer or host organisation.
- 4 Assessment against all outcomes must be in accordance with the fire and emergency agency’s requirements.

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**Outcomes and performance criteria**

**Outcome 1**

Demonstrate knowledge of fire scene preservation.

**Performance criteria**

- 1.1 Requirements for protecting a fire scene are explained.
- 1.2 Actions to mitigate hazards when protecting a fire scene are explained.

Range may include but is not limited to – structural, biological, environmental, utilities, re-ignition.

- 1.3 Actions and responsibilities for firefighting crew members are explained in terms of preservation of evidence.

## Outcome 2

Identify and report evidence for the purpose of supporting fire investigation.

### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Evidence is identified and reported from a range of sources.
- Range must include but is not limited to – physical evidence relating to fire behaviour, fire site, surroundings, witness evidence.
- 2.2 The area of origin is located from available evidence.

## Outcome 3

Secure a fire-affected scene.

### Performance criteria

- 3.1 Restricted entry to the fire scene is implemented.
- 3.2 The fire scene is protected for fire investigation.

<b>Replacement information</b>	This unit standard and unit standard 20393 replaced unit standard 3276, unit standard 3282, and unit standard 3306.
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### Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	25 March 2004	N/A
Review	2	20 November 2009	N/A
Revision and Rollover	3	30 September 2021	N/A

<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0039
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### Comments on this unit standard

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